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PARLIAMENT SQUARE PLANS

Cheques Tendered Other Owners in Block Around Government Buildings

WILL PROCEED TO EXPROPRIATE

Drill Hall Will Be Only Portion of Area to Be Acquired

Checks of the government of British Columbia were yesterday tendered to Mrs. Fraser, Frank Leroy, R. L. Drury and G. A. Richardson, the owners of the five remaining pieces of property contained within what future generations will know as British Columbia's Parliament Square, which are required to give the province possession of the entire city block in which the government buildings of British Columbia are situated.

Other properties have been from time to time acquired, the last thus passing from private ownership to that of the public yesterday, when Hon. Justice Gregory accepted the tender made to him, by Hon. Price Ellison, the minister of lands, for his two-story building historic as Mrs. MacDonell's boarding house, immediately adjoining Parliament Square, on Government street—until recently known as Birdcage walk.

To Expropriate
In the case of the remaining five properties, the government has decided to take advantage of its expropriation powers under the Public Works act, in order that no further delay may be experienced in carrying forward the improvement and enlargement programme that has been intermittently under consideration during almost a decade past.

An expert valuator, attached to the staff of the British Columbia Land & Investment Agency, was accordingly requested to place a fair present-day market value upon the properties in request, and papers were yesterday served upon the interested property owners, together with the tender of this fair value. A period of thirty days is allowed the property owners in which to advise the government of acceptance or rejection of its proposals, and in the event of negative replies being received, the government will at once proceed to obtain possession by arbitration of price, after the usual manner.

The Drill Hall
The site of the federal-owned drill hall, with incidental buildings, will then alone remain to be acquired in order that the province may have a clear field in which to proceed with its important expansion plans, and this will most probably be a slower proceeding.

So soon as the desired area is in the hands of the government, the carrying forward of plans for the demolition of the buildings on Government, Superior and Menzies streets will proceed, Lands Minister Ellison being especially desirous of signaling his entry into the administration of his department by carrying to completion a project which, ever since his first association in politics with the then premier, Hon. J. H. Turner, has been very close to his heart.

It is expected that the arrangements to be reached with the Dominion government in respect to the drill hall will be in the nature of an alternative site being provided by the province, acceptable to the Dominion, and the erection thereon of a building of the superior class of the present armories and auxiliary buildings. The additions to the parliament buildings contemplated, to utilize a considerable portion of the newly acquired area, will be strictly in harmony with the parliamentary pile, in materials, type, character and design. It is also expected that the original proposal of Hon. Mr. Turner with respect to a botanical garden, including representatives of all shrubs and flowers indigenous to British Columbia will be kept in view during development of the beautification scheme.

Calhoun Trial Postponed.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads of this city, was continued today by Judge Wm. P. Lawler, until January 10. District Attorney Langdon explained that he desired to give the incoming district attorney, Chas. M. Fickert, an opportunity to assist in selecting the jury.

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WINNIPEG MAYORALTY

No Opposition to Sanford Evans By E. D. Martin.

Despite the reports current in Winnipeg of late, E. D. Martin, a well known resident of that city, who has many friends in Victoria, has definitely announced that he will not be a candidate for mayor to contest the reelection of W. Sanford Evans at the impending civic elections in Winnipeg. The movement against Mayor Evans and the board of control is founded upon their handling of the social evil. The return to segregation under Mayor Evans' rule, notwithstanding the fact that it was advised strongly by Chief of Police McRae as the only solution of a question that was fast becoming more than ordinarily serious in Winnipeg, displeased a certain faction of the citizens and while they admitted that they had, other than that, little or no objection to Mayor Evans, they began to work up an opposition campaign with Mr. Martin as the unofficial nominee in succession to Mr. Evans.

At a meeting held a few days ago at which Mr. Martin declared positively that he would not oppose Mayor Evans, a covered attack was also made on Police Magistrate T. Mayne Daly and Chief of Police McRae. Mr. Martin declined the nomination on the ground that he had promised to start at once for Ottawa in connection with financing the exposition of 1912 whereas if he accepted the nomination he would have to remain in the city for ten days. Taking up the question of segregation and the condemnation chiefly by the church interests of the Mayor, board of control and police officials, Mr. Martin said that he believed that the campaign had been started too late, and that moreover many reliable citizens felt that those who were making the attack were not sufficiently acquainted with the facts. Any campaign would have to be one of education and there were good people who believed firmly that segregation was the better way to deal with the social evil. Such citizens might be educated to see the matter in the right light but it would take time. On the whole, he was not in favor of fighting the evil by attempting to elect a new mayor.

Mr. Martin's decision was a disappointment to the audience, but he remained firm despite efforts to get him to change his mind and the meeting dispersed after Prof. Osborne who was the leading spirit declared that the fight against segregation would be kept up unceasingly.

NEW ROUTE FOR G.T.P. BRANCH

To Reach Vancouver By Way of Clearwater and Bonaparte Rivers

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—The Grand Trunk Pacific railway has abandoned its plan of building a branch line from the Yellowhead pass at the summit of the Rockies to Vancouver, paralleling the route adopted by the Canadian Northern. It now proposes to build by a slightly longer route, but one which will open up an entirely new country. This is indicated by an application just made to the Dominion parliament asking for an amendment and seeking for legislation authorizing the new route and an issue of bonds to the extent of \$50,000 a mile.

The branch line, it is proposed, will run south from a point on the main line between Moose Lake and Tete Jaune Cache, thence through the range to the Clearwater river, Bonaparte river, Seaton and Anderson lakes and Lillooet river, or the Squamish river, or between the last two rivers to Vancouver.

Those familiar with the route state that it has many points of superiority over the Canadian Northern route, in that it will traverse proven mining and agricultural districts like Cariboo and Lillooet. The line will run down the Clearwater, which in turn empties into the North Thompson. From the Clearwater, the line will give an easy grade to the Bonaparte river, which will be followed south until the line will swing west across the Fraser and into the Lillooet country.

Near Seaton and Anderson lakes the company will have the choice of two routes into this city. One will be via Pemberton Meadows and the Squamish river to the upper end of Howe Sound and thence along the coast to North Vancouver and via a bridge across the Second Narrows. The second route will be south via the Lillooet river and Harrison Lake to the Fraser river, and thence west to this city. The third route, said to possess equal advantages, is from the Lillooet river south over a divide, and thence into North Vancouver via the head of the North Arm of Burrard Inlet.

The Grand Trunk Pacific railway originally proposed to build south from Port George, several hundred miles west of Yellowhead Pass. Later it sought to parallel the Canadian Northern route, its application being strongly opposed by the latter corporation, when the matter was dealt with by the minister of railways. In view of this opposition and the fact that an equally good route was available, the Grand Trunk Pacific seems to have concluded that it would be better to build through northern Cariboo and Lillooet. The line will cross the Fraser below Clinton.

Winnipeg Block Burned

WINNIPEG, Dec. 9.—A fire which broke out this afternoon completely gutted the six-story block of W. B. Sterling & Co., wholesale furniture dealers, on south Main street. The other tenants of the building besides the Sterling Furniture Co. are the Lewis Furniture Co., Barrel, Shewman & Co., wholesale liquors; Smith & Bruce, architects; and the Standard Storage Co. The total loss is \$125,000, insurance \$75,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery, the flames being discovered near the roof at the rear end of the building. A fireman was injured during the progress of the fire and was removed to the hospital.

C.P.R. GETS ALLAN LINES

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy in England Now to Close Arrangements

IMPROVE SERVICES ON BOTH OCEANS

Canadian Northern Steamers For Pacific Being Overhauled

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., arrived on the Lusitania on Monday. It is understood that one object of his visit concerns the completion of arrangements whereby the C.P.R. secures working control of the Allan steamships. The Glasgow interests of the firm, which held about three-quarters of the working capital, have been purchased with this end in view.

The new plans give the C.P.R. the much coveted entry into steamship territory in Scotland, Ireland and France from which it is now excluded by conference rules. They also give the C.P.R. complete control of the Canadian mail contract, which is now shared with the Allan.

It is expected that the growing needs of the C.P.R. on the Pacific ocean will be met by the transfer to the Japan service of either the Empress steamers now on the Atlantic or the Victorian and Virginian of the Allan line service. It is also expected, in view of this transfer, that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy will make preliminary arrangements here for the construction of two new Atlantic steamers of the latest type, which will keep the C.P.R. at the head of the St. Lawrence passenger trade. Last season's White Star experience on the St. Lawrence proves that superlative results are obtainable from a combination of turbine and reciprocating engine system. It is expected this will be adopted on the new Canadian Pacific boats. In view of these changes fresh arrangements are in progress in connection with the Allan's shore superintendence service at Montreal.

It is understood that it has not been definitely decided which port in England the Canadian Northern railway steamer will sail from. The Cairo and Heliopolis intended for Pacific service are now being overhauled in Glasgow and will be renamed, appropriate Canadian names being selected. They are nineteen and a half knot vessels.

Plague Conditions.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Attention to the plague conditions on the Pacific coast is given by the surgeon general of the Public Health and Marine hospital service in his annual report, which was made public today. No cases of human plague occurred in San Francisco during 1909, he says, and there were but four cases of rat plague. The effect of the inspection by the service in San Francisco he continues, has been to place that city in a satisfactory sanitary condition.

WORLD'S NAVIES ARE COMPARED

Close Race Between United States and Germany For Second Place

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The navy year book for 1909, compiled by Lt. James Pulsifer, clerk of the senate committee on naval affairs, shows that the race for second place among the navies of the world is still very close, as between the United States and Germany. Of fighting ships, battleships and armored cruisers built, building and provided for, the United States has 45 and Germany 46, but the aggregate tonnage for the United States is 659,241, as against 654,431. Germany, however, has a larger number of small vessels than the United States, and her total tonnage is \$20,692 as against 785,687 for the United States.

Germany's superiority in respect to all vessels is due largely to her torpedo boat destroyers, of which she has 97, as against 36 for the United States. Germany also outnumbers in the matter of large guns, 208 against 180. Of the fighting vessels built and in operation the American tonnage is 73,200 tons in excess of Germany.

Great Britain is shown to possess 104 fighting ships, with a tonnage of 4,480,680. France has 46 fighting ships, but her tonnage is more than a thousand tons less than that of either the United States or Germany. The American vessels are the only ones carrying 13-inch guns, and the German vessels the only ones carrying 11-inch guns. All the big guns on British ships are 12-inchers. Thirty-two of the United States are of the 13-inch calibre.

The year book also shows a total appropriation of \$146,138,448 for the construction of the new navy since it began in 1883. Of this amount considerably more than one-third has been appropriated in the last year, and was \$136,955,198. The largest appropriation for the Spanish war was \$31,541,664.

LOCAL OPTION PUZZLE

No Decision as to Success or Failure of Referendum Until Official Re-count.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 9.—Local option return continue to come in slowly, there being ten places yet to hear from. In most of the constituencies the total number of ballots cast for the candidates have as yet to be computed. The final result as to whether the referendum has the necessary fifty per cent may not be known for some weeks. In fact it will not be definitely settled until after the re-count upon cannot hope to take an active part in it. The latest returns received by Dr. Spencer make welcome news for local option advocates. Chilliwack has given a majority of 165, the vote being 239 for and 124 against; while Richmond gave the fifty per cent with 140 to spare; Kamloops 60 majority; Grand Forks 74 and Columbia 46, with many spoiled ballots which will be claimed by friends of local option. Armstrong gave 160 for or fifty per cent, with 15 to spare.

Smuggling of Chinese.
BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 9.—In the federal court here today eighteen indictments for conspiracy to smuggle Chinese into the United States in violation of the exclusion law were returned by the grand jury. Investigation revealed a concerted plan among the gulf coast for importing Chinese.

Saskatchewan University.
SASKATOON, Sask., Dec. 9.—The governors of the University of Saskatchewan finished a long session last night the result of which is that a decision was reached to proceed at once with three of the buildings, the general university building, a dormitory and central power house, at a total cost of \$350,000. Of the nine governors all were present except Arthur Hitchcock of Moose Jaw and John Dixon of Maple Creek. The architect was also present at the conference, and after going over the plans in company with the governors it was decided to use the collegiate gothic style of architecture. Tenders will be called for early in the new year and building operations commenced with the opening of the season, and it is expected to have the university ready for classes in the fall of 1911. The motto of the university was selected as "Pro Deo et Patria," "For God and Country."

MANY DROWNED IN LAKE ERIE
One Steamer Founders and Another is Destroyed By Fire
BUFFALO, Dec. 9.—In the wintry gale that has swept Lake Erie for twenty hours, the big freighter W. C. Richardson, of Cleveland, from Duluth to Buffalo with a cargo of flaxseed, foundered early today when she was within half a mile of the harbor entrance. Five of the crew perished. The remainder, numbering fourteen, were rescued from the wreck by the crew of the propeller Wm. A. Paine, which had anchored on the Waverly shoals, just off the west breakwater an hour before the Richardson sank. Tonight the Paine is still riding at anchor in the heavy seas, and the rescued men are all on board. She will be unable to enter the harbor until the storm abates. The only communication established with the Paine today was by Captain Farrell, of the tug Mason. Circling around the anchored vessel, he learned that Chief Engineer S. A. Macberry, Second Mate E. J. Clary and three deckhands or firemen had lost their lives.

The cause of the wreck can not be ascertained until Captain Burke is brought ashore, but it is believed while he was trying to swing her around at anchor to ride out the storm her cargo shifted, causing her to list so badly that she was swamped. Her prop and one funnel show above water. The insurance on the Richardson, amounting to \$250,000 would have expired at noon tomorrow. The cargo, valued at \$100,000, was fully insured.

Thirteen Missing.
CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—The burning of the Anchor line freight steamer Clarion, off Point Pelee, Ontario, is thought to have caused the loss of fifteen men. Two are known to be dead, and a lifeboat carrying Captain Bell and twelve of the crew is missing. There is practically no hope of their passing safely through the storm.

Six members of the crew were rescued by the steamer Hanna from the burning freighter. They and one other tried to escape in a yawl, but their boat capsized and only the six regained the deck of the vessel. They were in much danger from the fire when the Hanna came to their rescue, and they suffered severely from exposure. Tugs and life-savers have searched in vain for the vessel and the captain's boat. The Clarion took fire shortly after passing Amherstburg, with a fierce gale blowing and a blinding snowstorm.

Mr. Hill Repeats Warning.
OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 9.—"Give us a system of farming in the United States which will greatly increase the productivity of the soil," advised James J. Hill in an address before the national corn exposition here today. He warned the congress that the time is not far distant when the farms, as tilled at present, will not feed the people of the country. The American Breeders' Association also met here today. Addresses were made by Prof. W. F. Schillman, Washington, President Waters of the Kansas Agricultural College, and Wm. Hayes, assistant secretary of agriculture.

May Be New Trunk Line
NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Stock market operations reported today indicate the possibility of the formation of a new trunk line between Chicago and New York, as the result of close relations between the Lehigh Valley and Wabash roads. An option on a large block of Wabash stock now held by the Goulds is said to have been given banking interests, friendly to the Goulds, who, it is reported, when the proper time comes, will operate with the recent heavy purchasers of Wabash stock in reorganizing the Pittsburgh properties of this company and working co-operatively with Lehigh Valley interests.

SUCCESS FOR UNIONISTS

Joseph Chamberlain's Prediction in Regard to Present Contest

TARIFF REFORM IS KEPT TO FRONT

Lurid Epithets of Liberal Orators Will Get Audiences For Peers

LONDON, Dec. 9.—"I am looking with interest to the result of the general election, and I am only sorry that I cannot hope to take an active part in it. I think, however, that the Unionists are likely to win," said Joseph Chamberlain to a friend in Scarborough. The Standard editorially says: "The count has been brought to the turning point in its imperial destinies. Important as are the industrial benefits to be anticipated from a scientific scheme of tariff reform, they are less momentous than the establishment of economic relations between the mother country and the overseas dominions. This is a case which should not only stimulate the commercial instincts of business, but should kindle sentiments of an imperial nature."

The election and guerilla fighters in the election contest have opened. The conflict on both sides, the leaders will now appear. Mr. Asquith's pronouncement at Albert Hall on Friday night is awaited with the keenest interest. Mr. Balfour, although still confined to his house with a cold comes out at the same time with an election manifesto.

A curious feature of the campaign is the active part the poets are preparing to take. They have hitherto been expected to retire to their spacious demesnes when the call to battle was sounded. In this election they will be in the thick of the fight. Lord Lansdowne leads off at Liverpool, and a long series of other peers' meetings are being arranged. The election managers are finding that as the epithets of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd-George against the peers grow more and more lurid, the electorate, and especially the working classes, desire to see and hear these much-abused Englishmen, who after all do so much to govern industrial, financial and agricultural England.

Another curious feature of the campaign is the part the Unionist, German and German statesmen are being made to play. When the free-traders declare that Germany is in a perilous condition under her tariff, the tariff reformers reply by declarations of the Reichstag and of the German minister of the interior, Herr Delbrueck, proving that German industry is conquering the world under the tariff, wages are becoming higher, and agriculture prosperous. Similarly much use is being made of President Taft's assertion that the increased cost of living in America is in no way due to the tariff, but has arisen almost wholly in the products of the factory and the farm, in respect to which there has been no increase, or has indeed been a reduction in the tariff. Great play is also being made of the obvious electoral compact between the Radicals and the Socialists, which is not the less effective because unwritten. Each day sees the Radical candidates withdrawn from Socialist seats, while the Socialists are retiring from Radical constituencies. Today's speeches indicate the lines of the contest.

Mr. Masterman, under secretary of the home office, representing the ministry says: "I will support any candidate, whether Liberal or Labor or Nationalist, providing he is with the people against the lords."

Mr. William Thorne, Labor and Socialist, says: "The Labor party will do all they can to insure the return of the government."

What price Liberalism will pay for this support will appear later.

BREAKWATER DAMAGED

Heavy Seas Make Huge Gap in Costly Work at Port Colborne, on Lake Erie.

WELLAND, Ont., Dec. 9.—Tuesday's storm wrought havoc at Port Colborne. The seas were the heaviest known by the oldest inhabitants. The tremendous waves washed a hole in the breakwater at Port Colborne, which was constructed a few years ago at a cost of a million dollars or more. The condition of the water will not permit of an examination close at hand, but it is estimated that the gap created by the storm is 75 to 100 feet long. Through this the waves are running unchecked, and it is thought that the gap will be still further widened as no repairs can be made until spring.

The new railway, built by the government to connect the government elevator with the Grand Trunk railway, and which was used for the first time only two weeks ago, is largely a failure.

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When the question was put to him yesterday Chief Davis admitted that he had thought of asking for an automobile to enable him to make better time in answering fires and to allow of his covering more ground in his rounds of the city's buildings.

"My idea," the chief said, "would be to have a two-seat machine of run-about pattern, especially made with reinforced steering gear, springs and wheels and with a capacity of about 30 horsepower giving it a speed of fifty miles an hour. I would have a 30-gallon chemical cylinder with 200 feet of chemical hose located beneath the seat and with this equipment I could reach a fire in the shortest possible time and hold it in check until the arrival of the other apparatus, or, in the case of small fires, I could extinguish them altogether.

"Take the fire in St. James church last Sunday. If I had had such an equipment then I could have put the thing out myself before the rest of the apparatus got to the place.

"The use of autos as fire vehicles has been so thoroughly demonstrated in the East as to establish them as the best means of reaching fires quickly. My present driver, Alf. Eves, is an experienced chauffeur and would handle the machine capably."

AN ECHO OF ELECTION

Canoe River Polling Division Will Have Election Day of Their Own Next Thursday.

In consequence of the ballot boxes and papers necessary for the holding of the poll on the 25th of last month at Canoe river, Revelstoke district, failing to reach the deputy returning officer at that point in time for the memorable day, yesterday's issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains announcement to the effect that:

"On the recommendation of the Honorable the Attorney-General, and under the powers conferred by section 214 of the Provincial Elections Act, his honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice of his Executive Council, doth order as follows:

"That the returning officer for the Revelstoke electoral district be, and is hereby directed to arrange for holding a poll at Canoe River polling place, on Thursday, the 16th day of December, instant."

Needless to say the total vote at Canoe river would in no way affect Hon. Mr. Taylor's election as representative of the constituency of Revelstoke, nor if "plumped" for either of his opponents in the recent struggle, would it save for him his deposit.

IN CONVENTION TODAY

Grand Gathering of Conservatives From Entire Province at Kamloops.

With delegates from practically every constituency in British Columbia in attendance the convention of the British Columbia Conservative association will open in Kamloops today.

R. P. Green, the president, will preside and in attendance are Hon. Richard McBride, Hon. Thomas Taylor, Hon. F. I. Carter-Cotton, together with the majority of the members-elect in the provincial legislature.

Victoria is represented by some forty of the prominent members of the party in this city, while from Vancouver there will be present a delegation of fifty.

The convention will conclude its sessions tomorrow evening.

LATEST DEALS IN REALTY MARKET

Demand For Property in Business Area Continues Brisk

Business property in the city continues to change hands at a brisk rate. The latest sales reported comprise three lots on Yates street belonging to W. King and associates, the consideration being \$20,000; the Soper property, on Cook and North Park streets, to J. Scott for \$6,500; the old E. M. Johnson property on Fort street running from Fort to View, the purchasers being A. Peden and C. Cooper; 30 feet on Douglas street adjoining Dr. Hart's residence for \$6,000, the purchaser being J. Musgrave, who resold again to Max Leiser for the sum of \$6,500; four lots on the corner of Cook street and Fairfield road, the purchaser being J. H. Baker, and the price \$3,100. These lots were formerly the property of A. Peden. All the foregoing sales were negotiated by Bond & Clark, the firm which the other day was responsible for the sale of the A. O. U. W. hall and the site upon which it stands.

The old Macdonald building on Parliament square, known as 33 Birdcage Walk, has been purchased from Mr. Justice Gregory by the provincial government, the consideration being \$10,000. This property has a 43 foot frontage on Government street, and its acquisition by the government is part of the policy for obtaining possession of the entire square.

A timber deal of considerable magnitude took place within the last few days when a fine tract of 3,600 acres at Port Moody, owned by T. W. Paterson, the Lieutenant-Governor appointed, was sold to a Montreal firm for \$180,-

000. This deal was negotiated by A. T. Frampton of this city.

A number of other important deals, chiefly in the business area, are pending, and all the agents report a brisk movement in the market.

NO SEAT FOR JOHN OLIVER

Rumor That Mr. Brewster Might Make Way is Denied

Reports to the effect that H. C. Brewster, member-elect for Alberni,

had offered to place his seat at the disposal of John Oliver of Delta, in the event of that unfortunate leader deciding to reconsider his announced retirement from politics, are stated by local Liberals in high standing to be quite incorrect.

Mr. Brewster, they say, has no thought of posing as his party's Good Samaritan, nor would Mr. Oliver be likely under present circumstances to accept the seat if tendered.

It is intended in the near future to have a conference with respect to the future conduct of party affairs in British Columbia, at which conference in all probability a decision will be reached with respect to the leadership.

This is not desired by Mr. Oliver nor yet by Mr. Stuart Henderson, who

likewise has announced his intention to take no active part in politics for the present. It is quite probable therefore that the mantle of leadership will fall to Mr. Fred C. Wade, K.C., of Vancouver, in which event an effort to find him a seat will be made.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

In chambers yesterday before Chief Justice Hunter, re Ernest Clay, deceased, on the application of Mr. Higgins for the interested parties, letters of administration were granted.

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OLIVER SPEAKS TO THE ELECTORS

Urges Settlement of Water Question as Requisite of Properly Conducted City

W. E. Oliver, mayoralty candidate is the second of those seeking the office of chief magistrate to open his campaign which was ushered in last night at a meeting held by him in Pioneer hall, Broad street. The hall was crowded and frequently Mr. Oliver's remarks were applauded. While there were many topics which Mr. Oliver stated would doubtless be discussed by him during the campaign he would confine himself to what he considered were the two most important questions, those of water and streets.

On the former he advocated the appointment of a water board on which not only the city but also all municipalities interested with the city in securing a water supply should have representation along with the provincial government which would represent the unorganized districts. The cost of securing a water supply would be borne by the various municipalities in proportion to their interest and the bonds which would be floated for the purpose of meeting expenditures would be guaranteed by the government. This guarantee would mean a saving in interest charges of about \$15,000 per year should, for instance, the board decide to develop Sooke lake at an expenditure of say \$1,500,000.

Beaumont Boggs occupied the chair explaining shortly the object of the meeting and referring to Mr. Oliver in eulogistic terms as a resident of Victoria for many years and a man widely and favorably known. His record as reeve of Oak Bay pointed to him as a man in whom the electors would be perfectly safe to put their trust.

Why He Entered Fight.

Mr. Oliver stated that he had been asked by a great many electors what had induced him to enter the campaign. It might be a Scotch idea to be in at a fight but his real object is to be of benefit to the city and to, if returned, work for Victoria, which he believed, is behind the times. Of all the cities he had ever seen Victoria is the most attractive but it is none the less a fact that people are being continuously forced to leave. There were reasons for this. It is true that Victoria will probably not grow to be as large as Seattle or Vancouver or other cities which are termini of railroad systems but that it will grow, its business increases and its fine prospects be realized he was sure. But the city does not seem to get ahead. The people are not making use of the natural advantages. People who come here to live, or many of them, leave in disgust. Tourists are struck with the prevalence of dust and the lack of water. Mr. Oliver was not going to blame anyone for this state of affairs but he declared that evidently the members of the city council cannot appreciate the fact that Victoria is not merely a small town, of local prejudices but is part and parcel of a large district which must be developed. The time has come to remedy matters. Careful and firm management of civic affairs is required to make Victoria a great and prosperous city.

Settle Water Question.

Mr. Oliver stated that his platform is first the settlement of the water question finally and for all time. He had been asked almost every day if it were not a fact that he is owner of shares in the Esquimalt Water Works company. He distinctly denied that he is a shareholder or has any interest in the company. Four years ago he purchased some shares but sold them last October because he wished to qualify for running the office of mayor. He had been requested to run but he had always refused until he had disposed of his shares. Today he had absolutely no interest whatever in the Esquimalt Water Works company.

It is, Mr. Oliver believed, a matter of indifference to the ratepayers how the water problem is settled so long as it is settled. But the ratepayers are vitally interested in having all the facts and information before them so that they can intelligently decide. If the city wishes to buy and own its own waterworks there are only two methods in which it can do so. One way is to buy the Esquimalt Water Works company's holdings, the other, to go to Sooke lake. If the city does not desire to go to that expense in the meantime then some temporary arrangements for a better supply must be made. This can be done by extending the watershed at Elk lake or by purchasing water by the gallon from the Esquimalt company till such time as a permanent source can be developed. The city, under statutory powers, can purchase water from the company.

Supply Whole District.

No settlement of the water question will be satisfactory which does not provide not only for the city but also for the surrounding districts. The city possesses certain rights which deprive the neighboring municipalities from getting an adequate supply. His idea would be to have a water board appointed by act of parliament, the members of the board to represent the city, Saanich, Oak Bay and other adjacent districts, the provincial government to appoint members to represent the unorganized territory, each municipality would bear a portion of the cost and have a say in the management of the board's affairs. This would be the simplest and fairest system and one against which there would be no objection. The idea was not his own, and he possessed no patent on it. In England many cities have followed the idea and conflicting interests have been satisfactorily amalgamated. The board would have power to issue bonds. In London, Eng., the scheme was adopted and some fourteen companies were bought out by the board issuing bonds to the amount of the value of the respective holdings. In the case of Victoria should such a scheme be adopted the city would put in its system and receive a proper price for it. If it were desired to secure the Esquimalt Water Works company's holdings such would be valued and bonds for the amount issued. If it were decided to go ahead and develop Sooke Lake bonds for the requisite amount to carry on the work would be issued. The water rates would be the primary security and in the event of any deficit the municipalities would bear their proportionate share. What Victoria should bear the whole burden of cost in going to Sooke lake when other sections would be deriving benefit was

not, Mr. Oliver believed, a fair proposition.

Board's Powers.

The water board would have authority to purchase any existing systems, construct plant and secure any existing sources which it might consider necessary to ensure a future adequate supply. In this way it would control the whole supply for the entire portion of the country in and about Victoria would have to see that the reserve on Sooke lake is continued not only on the lake itself but also on the surrounding watershed. He had absolutely no doubt but that the government would pass the necessary legislation to allow of the formation of a water board. The idea has been tested by experience and has been found to be the only proper way where various interests are seeking for water supplies.

But Mr. Oliver stated that he is not bound to any particular scheme. Any scheme which will finally settle the water problem would have his support if the electors favored such. But all the facts should be placed before the electors who have hitherto been utterly befogged and have been told downright lies, though for what purpose he was at a loss to understand. On the question of streets Mr. Oliver stated that while everyone could realize that matters are anything but satisfactory he did not wish to put the blame on anyone. It was not right to slant the city engineer and officials. They have no opportunity to answer but it is none the less a fact that the streets are in a deplorable condition. "They speak for themselves," stated Mr. Oliver amid laughter and applause.

While doubtless the officials and aldermen do their best there is a very apparent lack of system. The aldermen do not appear to work in harmony and nothing is so bad as the interference of a mayor or aldermen in the work of a department. The council is supposed to be composed of men of common sense but not of experts in engineering or other matters. After they have turned over work to the engineer or other officials the council has done its part.

Too Much Talking.

There had been altogether too much talking and not enough hard thinking. In the Oak Bay council the talking has been reduced to a minimum and the same thing should be the case in Victoria.

To Mr. Shallcross Mr. Oliver stated that he had not been given any assurance that the provincial government would guarantee the water bonds should a board be appointed but he could not see any good reason why the government should not do so.

J. J. Shallcross in explaining the water board idea pointed out that if the city decides not to buy the Esquimalt Water Works Company's holdings it will lose the Victoria West market for water and if it goes to Sooke Lake it will still be without that market. A good supply and as large market as possible is what the city requires. To go to Sooke Lake will mean about \$75,000 a year added to present taxation. At present the water department is paying its way and there is a slight margin to the good but with the annual charge for Sooke Lake this would not be the case. Mr. Shallcross believed that as matters now stand it would be better to take out the Elk Lake supply by purchasing water by the gallon from the Esquimalt Water Works Company, which the city could do under powers given by the Legislature. With the help of an extra watershed at Elk Lake and the supply from the company there would be sufficient supply or some years until such time as the city could develop Sooke Lake. The average daily consumption is now about 3,000,000 gallons and Mr. Adams had stated that the Elk Lake supply would give a supply of about 3,500,000, so that if the city grows Elk Lake will not meet the demand. If the government would guarantee the bonds of a water board there would be an annual saving of one per cent. or about \$15,000 on the cost of developing Sooke Lake, which has been estimated at \$1,500,000.

Business Proposition.

But the whole question is one of straight business. If the Esquimalt Water Works Company's holdings are required by the city then the city as a business proposition should get it. If Sooke Lake water can be brought here at less expenditure then go to Sooke. But as between the two if the company's holdings can be purchased for \$970,000 it would be better to buy them than pay \$1,500,000, especially when it is considered that the city would thus be enlarging its market and increasing the number of consumers. For \$20,000 a year a million gallons per day could be secured from the company while to go to Sooke Lake would mean an increase in taxation of \$75,000, nearly five more mills on the dollar in taxation.

On the question of a board of control Mr. Oliver, in response to a question, stated that while a very attractive idea as a general proposition he could not, after looking into it closely, find anything to recommend it. To select the board as proposed would simply mean that there would be three mayors elected instead of one as at present. If the act were amended so as to have the board appointed say by the council it would be better. But he doubted very much if any man with the necessary qualifications for the office of comptroller would have any chance in a popular election against some "roving scavenger."

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A CITY MARKET

Among the matters mentioned at the meeting of the Executive of the Victoria Branch of the Vancouver Island Development Association yesterday, was the desirability of establishing a City Market, where farmers can sell their produce direct to consumers. No action was suggested and the subject was only treated in a general way. Reasons for and against the suggestion were put forward, and the general opinion seemed to be that such a market, while desirable, could not be established wholly without difficulty. The question has been discussed in the press several times, but it is timely once more to invite attention to it. Several things militate against the success of a market in this city. One of them is the Chinamen, who peddle vegetables from door to door. Another is the general use of the telephone to order farm produce at the grocery store. Another is the practice of many housekeepers of buying vegetables in small quantities as they are needed. Many an Eastern householder will buy a quarter of beef, a carcass of mutton or pork, a dozen turkeys, geese or chickens, enough potatoes to last all winter and other farm produce in the same way. His frost-proof cellar keeps the vegetables safe, and he can store his meat and poultry where it will keep frozen. Not many people here buy vegetables in large quantities and practically no one buys meat or poultry that way. When did one of our readers, who lived at one time in the East, have a chance of buying a 50-pound firkin of A1 farm made butter? Such butter may be made in the vicinity of Victoria, but not much of it gets to consumers. We mention these matters to show that the custom of the community is not wholly favorable to a city market.

These considerations do not dispose of the case by any manner of means; neither is the fact that so much fruit and dairy produce is handled by the co-operative organizations conclusive against a market. Many farmers would like to have an opportunity of selling directly to consumers, and thus have for themselves the profits of the middlemen. This is an aspect of the case which must be considered in connection with the movement to develop farming on small holdings. Markets are matters for regulation. We have in mind one market in the East in which, up to a certain hour in the morning, only householders may buy. After that hour dealers may buy, and after a later hour the farmers may carry their produce from door to door. The system works out very well. Often by 10 o'clock the farmers' wagons or sleds will be empty, and the farmers will be spending their money at the stores. The retail merchants make just as much money and do a very much more satisfactory business than if they bought the produce, for they are saved the necessity of being overstocked with vegetables. It is more satisfactory to the farmer, because he sells for cash and buys for cash.

These are some of the advantages and disadvantages of the market system; but if it is going to be adopted in Victoria and become a success, it will be necessary to prohibit the peddling of vegetables by Chinamen. We will only add that the housekeeper, who has never gone into a full market to pick out a supply of food stuffs for the home, has missed a very interesting, profitable and satisfactory experience.

A BOARD OF CONTROL.

"What Victoria needs" said a citizen yesterday "is good men at the head of the several departments and then the city council will meet all the necessities of the case." We are unable to see the case in that light, but admit that it is a matter of opinion. We are not now suggesting that the heads of the several departments are not efficient. Our position is that no matter how efficient they may be, the city will never secure the best results until there are men at the head of affairs who are directly responsible to the citizens for the way in which municipal business is carried on. Let us take a specific case. A certain Alderman is the chairman of a committee having in charge of certain work. He is only indirectly responsible to any one for the way in which the work is carried on. He does not give his whole time to it, and cannot be expected to and to hold a man responsible for what he could not do is absurd. An alderman may be charged with the supervision of street work, and he may devote every hour he can spare to his business to such supervision, and yet we all know that he could not give

the city work the attention it ought to receive. We may be asked what the City Engineer is for. Our answer is that he is in office to give his expert assistance in carrying out the projects which the city authorities decide upon. To hold that the City Engineer should be held directly responsible to the people is out of the question. The permanent official should be responsible to elective officials, who in turn should be responsible to the citizens. We try to reach that result by means of the Board of Aldermen, but as has been said above, it is absurd to hold aldermen responsible for things that they cannot possibly do.

We have been asked how much better off we would be in regard to the Smith's Hill reservoir if we had had a Board of Control. In reply we ask: If the reservoir is a failure, as is alleged, who will the citizens hold responsible? The Mayor and Aldermen will plead that they employed a qualified engineer. The qualified engineer may reply that his assistant engineer's representations were disregarded by the Water Commissioner. The Water Commissioner may throw the responsibility back upon the engineer or the City Council. If there had been a Board of Control the citizens would go no further than that body, and as the members of the Board would know that they would be held responsible for the construction of a proper reservoir, we can feel very certain that the work would have been as satisfactory as they could make it. No one likes to distrust a permanent official. After a man has held a salaried office for some years, it is always an ungracious act to start a campaign to oust him. The public puts up with a good deal from men in office, partly because it does not wish to engage in a personal campaign against them and partly because "it is better to endure the ills we have than to fly to those we wot not of." But with elective offices the case is different. The man who is charged directly and wholly with a certain responsibility to the public and has to come before the public for re-election, if he wishes to continue in office, will be very watchful how he discharges that responsibility. If John Doe had been the controller in charge of the construction of the reservoir and things were as they are said to be he would not have the ghost of a chance for re-election but who is there upon whom the citizens can lay the responsibility of the poor work alleged to have been done there and make him take the consequences. There is no one, because one person can shift the burden to another and some of those who perhaps ought to have secured better results, are beyond the reach of the people. We favor a Board of Control, because it means the public control of public expenditures, or more accurately speaking the public control of the men responsible for the manner in which public works and public expenditures are carried on. In the government of the province the head of a department is responsible for the manner in which a junior clerk acknowledges a letter on public business. In the government of the city no one is really directly and fully responsible to the citizens for anything.

THE EMPIRE.

A Montreal correspondent sends us a letter upon the best means of consolidating the Empire, which we print. He thinks the Empire "has now got to a very critical stage." The number of critical stages through which the Empire has passed can hardly be reckoned. Critical stages seem to be features of imperial development. Those, who have read what was written at the time of the struggle for Responsible Government, need not be told that there were timid folk who thought the Empire could hardly last over night. When the British Trade and Navigation laws were repealed, and foreign ships were given the same privileges as colonial ships in the commerce of the United Kingdom, there were those who foretold the immediate dissolution of the Empire. There is in existence somewhere a petition setting forth this fact and asking that the British North American Provinces might be allowed to annex themselves to the United States. It has not been printed for a good many years; but if it were reproduced there would be a good deal of surprise at some of the names affixed to it. There were those who thought that Confederation was the entering wedge that was to force the Empire asunder, and Lord Lorne, when Governor-General, was satisfied that the National Policy would do the trick. Under these circumstances we are not greatly surprised that some excellent people think the grand smash is now at hand. Some of us, however, read our histories and sleep soundly.

We have lately heard it said that, if Canada retains the right to say whether or not the fleet, which she may build and pay for, shall be employed in war, that will be equivalent to departure from the Empire. To our way of thinking it will be a step towards imperial consolidation. It would be very unreasonable to suggest that the Dominion should build, man and pay for a fleet and have nothing to say as to what should be done with it. Hence if we are to have a fleet of our own, just as we have an army of our own, and if we are to remain in the Empire, there must be some directing body in which we will be represented. The same will hold true of Australia and the other self-governing Dominions. Thus will be brought about the very consolidation, which some people are so earnest in demanding.

Our correspondent thinks the drift is away from imperial solidarity; we think it is towards it, and towards it in a very noticeable way.

We do not refer to our correspondent in what we are now about to say, but to a certain class of critics, who lament that nothing is being done to bind the Empire together, and see in each evolution of colonial autonomy a source of danger. These people really injure the cause, which they undoubtedly have at heart. The men, through whose efforts the Empire is what it is today, were practical men, engaged not in dreaming in dressing gown and slippers before a fire, but out in the thick of public life, out in the hurly-burly of business activities. These men are the true Empire-builders. They deal not with theories nor with questions that may arise sometime in the future, but with the actual problems of the present, solving them in the light of experience and with due regard to the British tradition, which is a vague sort of way of expressing a very great deal. Our correspondent thinks that sentiment will not be sufficient to bind the Empire together. We tell him that sentiment is the only thing that will bind it; and that the moment any other tie is substituted the fabric will be weakened. At the same time we are glad to print our correspondent's letter. It is well to think of the matters to which he directs attention. It is by taking thought that useful results are reached.

FRIENDLY COMMENT

The Orange Sentinel deals at considerable length with the British Columbia elections, which it regards chiefly as a personal triumph for Mr. McBride. It attributes the result in part to the excellence of the administration under his leadership; but thinks his strength lies largely in his personality. We quote the following from our contemporary:

A writer in the Toronto World quotes a British Columbian who says it is no mystery as to why Mr. McBride is so popular in his province. He continues with this story, showing that the Premier has inherited the qualities which have made him such an attractive figure.

"When I was a small boy I delivered parcels for a New Westminster grocer, and it was part of my daily task to labor up the big hill to the penitentiary (the Premier's father was then warden), with groceries for the McBrides. If the day was stormy or cold Mrs. McBride would always have me sit up to the fire and eat a piece of pie, some tea cakes or some of her warm biscuits, and often accompany it with a glass of milk. A cold wind blowing up the Fraser and across the penitentiary hill had no terrors for me when I was on the way up with parcels for Dick McBride's mother. No, the 'glad hand' isn't art with Dick. He came by it honestly."

To this the Sentinel adds the following observations of its own:

It is evident from the short time that he has been in public life Mr. McBride is a man of courage, of foresight, of statesmanlike qualities. This added to kindness of heart, geniality of disposition, good-fellowship in its best interpretation, must always carry the judgment and affection of the masses of the people.

Mr. McBride owes his success to himself, to the fact that he has tried to serve the public interest, and that he still remembers those who were his associates in his early years.

We agree with Premier Hazen, of New Brunswick, who says that Mr. McBride emerges from the campaign a national figure of importance who must be reckoned with in the very near future in the large field of Dominion politics. We do not desire at this time to indicate the confidence to which we believe Mr. McBride will reach, but we make bold to say that there is no position in the public life of Canada that will overtax his abilities or to which he has not a fair right to aspire.

The advertisement of the Grand Trunk Pacific calling for tenders for the erection of wharves and warehouses at this port is another indication of the good times coming.

The Canadian Pacific is going to experiment with wireless signals for the control of its trains. The great Canadian line is determined to be up-to-date in every particular.

It is claimed that the tuberculosis serum of horses is likely to prove one of the greatest benefits to mankind. A Paris veterinary inoculated young cattle with virulent tuberculosis bacilli and after a time killed them and found them full of lesions. Others similarly inoculated were treated with the horse serum and found to be free from all traces of disease. The great thing in this treatment seems to be that the serum is not simply a preventative but a remedy.

A Toronto lawyer, who has lately returned from a visit to Newfoundland, says that there is a strong undercurrent of feeling on the island that confederation with Canada is certain to come about; but at present there is no sign of any movement in that direction. He says that he does not believe the question has ever been squarely put before the people, and he sees no indication that any of the public men of the colony are likely to take it up at present.

The King telegraphed Sir Wilfrid Laurier congratulations upon his birthday. It was one of the thousand graceful acts done by His Majesty during every year of his life. One would suppose that the incident might be allowed to pass without a sneer; but it seems that partisanship goes so far as to lead opponents of the government to ridicule the idea that the message meant anything. We venture to guess that if the man, who makes fun of the King's telegram, could by accident get one of the same for himself, the top of his head would burst off because of the pressure of his pride.

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Tete-a-tete Sets
Afternoon Tea Sets
Chocolate Sets
Sugars and Creams

Salad Bowls
Mayonnaise Dishes
Cups and Saucers
Plates

Teapots
Breakfast Sets
Cake Plates
Hat Pin Holders

Candle Sticks
Hair Receivers
Shaving Mugs
Marmalade Jars

AFTERNOON TEA SET—A specially good value in this white and gold decoration. The china is of finest quality, and the decorations of heavy matt gold—a rich set fit for any table. Consists of two cups and saucers, teapot, sugar, cream and tray. The value is extra at\$3.50

Great Values in Trinket Sets, \$2.50. Chocolate Sets, \$7.50

A Trinket Set—such as these—would make an ideal gift for some lady friend. These china sets are among the newest creations in the china way, and are bound to become quickly popular. Decorations are rich floral effects, in beautiful colorings. We have a set consisting of pin tray, powder box, ring holders, 2 cold cream boxes and tray—9 pieces of china for\$2.50

Here is one of our best offerings in Chocolate Sets—a desirable gift to any homekeeper. One special feature of this set is the fact that a handsome china tray is included in the set, which consists of chocolate pot, six cups and saucers and tray. Priced low at\$7.50
Decoration is a pretty treatment of roses.

It would be impossible to enumerate the hundreds of new china pieces that have arrived during the past few days. The best plan is to come in and spend some time going through the stock. You don't have to buy.

Saxe China—Handpainted Dresden Decoration—Ideal Gifts

The mere mention of "Dresden" is sufficient to the collector of china—he or she is interested at once. We merely mention that we have some magnificent pieces of Saxe China with hand-painted Dresden decorations, that will satisfy the demands of those looking for a specially dainty piece of china for gift giving. Don't miss these.

Plates, at \$2.25, \$1.75, \$1.50 and \$1.35
Hot Milk Jugs, at each\$3.00
Marmalade Jars, at each\$3.75
Tea Pot, at\$2.50
Cream Jug, at\$1.25
Tea Cups and Saucers, at\$2.50
Sugars, at each\$2.25

Preserves, at each\$1.25
Ramikins, at per dozen\$21.00
Lunch Set, cup and tray\$4.00
Ice Cream Saucers, at each\$1.50
Jugs, at each, \$3.50, \$3.00 and\$2.50
Cake Plates, at\$3.50
Chop Dish, at\$4.00
Compot, at\$3.75

Salad, at\$3.75
Mayonnaise and Stand, at\$3.50
Orange Bowl and Stand, at\$10.00
Pudding Set, at\$8.00
Chocolate Set, jug and 6 cups and saucers, per set\$15.00
Covered Bouillon and Scr.\$3.00
Ice-Cream Dish, at\$6.00

Royal Vienna Decorations—Handpainted Saxe China

Another decoration in hand-painted Saxe China is the Royal Vienna pattern. Charming shapes—the newest offered here. We couldn't adequately describe the decoration here, so we suggest that you visit the store and see for yourself this handsome late arrival. But one or two of each piece, in most instances.

Lunch Set, cup and tray\$3.00
Ice Cream Dishes, per dozen\$9.00
Plates, at each, \$1.25, \$1.0075¢
Compots, at each\$2.25
Cake Plates, at each\$1.50
Teas and Saucers, at each\$2.00

Creams, at each75¢
Sugars, at each\$1.25
Teapots, at each\$1.50
Chocolate Cups and Saucers, at per dozen\$12.00
Chocolate Set, consists of jug and cups and saucers. Set....\$14.00

Tete-a-tete Set, consists of teapot, sugar, cream, 2 cups and saucers and tray\$14.00
Marmalade Jars, at each\$2.25
Creams, at each\$1.50
Sugars, at each\$1.75
Teapots, at each\$2.00

See This Magnificent Showing of Gifts For Men

ON THE MAIN FLOOR—close to the centre Government Street entrance—we have a special table laden with desirable gifts for the men folk. This table should be of special interest to everyone who is planning to purchase a gift for a gentleman. Dozens of suitable things are shown—things Mr. Man can use and WILL use. And when you get a man something that he finds almost daily use for, you have solved the gift problem. Here are some that'll satisfy—

Brass Smokers' Sets
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You'll Have to Hurry Though, if You Want to Secure One of These New Pieces

Yesterday we priced some of the most attractive Sterling Silver and Sterling Silver Mounted Glass Gift Pieces it has ever been our pleasure to mark. We shall have these ready for you this morning—that is, those pieces that are left, for they were fast disappearing while the pricing was in progress. We list a few of the pieces received—there are dozens of other interesting gift pieces in our Silverware Department. These are packed in separate cases.

STERLING SILVER MIRRORS, \$16.00, \$15.00, \$12.00
STERLING SILVER HAIR BRUSHES, at \$10.00, \$7.50
STERLING MOUNTED COMBS, at\$3.00
STERLING MOUNTED MUSTARD POTS, from \$2.00
STERLING MOUNTED SALTS AND PEPPERS.
Per pair\$1.50
SUGAR SHAKERS, cut glass, sterling silver mounted, at each\$3.00
STERLING NAPKIN RINGS, from \$4.00 to\$1.50
STERLING MOUNTED GLASS HAIRPIN HOLDERS\$1.25
STERLING MOUNTED GLASS TOOTH BRUSH HOLDERS, at each, \$2.00 and\$1.50
STERLING SILVER SALT SPOONS, at50¢

STERLING MOUNTED CUT GLASS VASES, at \$3.50, \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00 and\$1.50
STERLING MOUNTED CUT GLASS COLOGNE BOTTLES, at each, \$4.00 and\$2.50
STERLING MOUNTED SALAD SERVERS Pair \$4.00
STERLING SILVER MEAT FORKS, at\$4.00
STERLING SILVER BUTTER KNIVES, at \$3.00 and\$2.50
STERLING SILVER OLIVE FORKS, at\$1.75
STERLING SILVER GRAVY LADLES, at \$5.00, \$4.50 and\$4.00
STERLING SILVER BABY SPOONS, a \$2.50, \$1.50
STERLING SILVER SUGAR TONGS, at\$1.50
STERLING SILVER BON BON TONGS, at\$1.25

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FUR RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR

Legislation Needed to Protect
Sealers—The Beaver
Question

The last important shipment of the British Columbia fur collections of 1909 was sent forward to London yesterday by the Hudson's Bay company, and comprised about \$15,000 worth of assorted pelts, chiefly marten taken by the Northern British Columbia and Alaskan trappers. A small shipment of extra-choice silver fox will go forward a little later, winding up the shipments of the season, a very considerable portion of which—strange as it may appear, since at least twenty-five per cent of the furs handled through the Northwest Pacific states are of British Columbia origin—is made up of furs bought for the London market from American towns: Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and even San Francisco. Both Seattle and Tacoma now have their fur sales agencies as a result of which ten to twenty buyers are located at each of these cities, and it is a perpetual mystery to the leaders in the trade here why Victoria, in other days the headquarters and centre of the fur trade of the Coast, should have thus permitted the greater part of an important trade, naturally its own, to have slipped through its fingers.

To Seek Amendment

Whether the diversion of the British Columbia pack to the American cities may not yet be checked by slight amendment of the Game Act proscribing export of raw pelts is a matter which will probably receive consideration at the approaching session of the legislature. The fact that, with no diminution of the volume of naturally tributary trade, the fur business of Victoria has dropped from approximately \$250,000 per annum, exclusive of sealskin receipts, to less than \$25,000, while the shipments from here to London, made by the Hudson's Bay company, Joseph Boscowitz, J. Rosenberger and William Foster, are to a considerable extent made up of purchases foreign originating in this province and which merely pay the middleman of Seattle or Tacoma, is taken as at least suggestive that something is wrong, and something should be done to rectify conditions. Of yesterday's shipments it is stated that no fewer than 347 marten skins in one lot bought in Seattle were of an original shipment to a Seattle dealer, made by John Hyland of Telegraph. The sole result of the diversion of this

shipment from Victoria to the Sound cities would seem to be that the Victoria collectors and shippers have been put to the trouble of buying in Seattle, and the Seattle handlers have made middlemen's profits which might just as well have been added to the profits of the original seller, or have been divided between that trader and the local collectors. It is estimated that the total land fur trade of British Columbia under existing conditions will not exceed \$250,000 per annum, which might easily be substantially increased by well-devised legislation, with undivided advantage to the home trapper, trader and fur dealer.

The Beaver Question

Another matter of very great interest to the British Columbia fur trade is embodied in communications now under consideration by the Attorney General, and which will in all probability be laid by him before the full Executive meeting called for next week. These communications refer to the recent expiry of the exemption for provincial Indians from the prohibition against the taking of beaver during the ensuing three years from March 31 last, it being desired by the trade that such exemption continue. In this connection it is pointed out that the Indians are virtually monopolists of the beaver collection of British Columbia, not more than ten pelts out of approximately 8,000 making up this season's total being got by white trappers and hunters. And there is no game law required to induce the Indian to conserve the supply by means of a system, than that compassed by the white man's laws. Since time immemorial, for example, the beaver farms of the north, have been distinctly allotted in districts among the natives of that territory, severest penalties being prescribed for any invasion of territory, and only the increase being taken to meet the necessities of the aboriginal proprietors of the "farms." Nor is there any killing on chance of marketing. The Indian, according to the reports of Hudson's Bay, traders who are most closely in touch with the subject, first of all visits the trading post, explains the extent of credit he desires to make, and ascertains how many and what class of beaver will be required to meet it. Then he goes back to the "farm" picks out the individual beavers marked for sacrifice, lies in wait for them at home, and quietly nets them at the appointed time. If after capture they are found not exactly as desired, they are not lost but simply returned unharmed to their native habitat. The very careful collection taken by the Indians in the protection and development of their beaver "farms" is widely recognized by the Hudson's Bay company, and by the Indian Department, the latter tacitly recognizing the native distribution of tribes to prevent the infrequent raids of Coastal Indians which (until the white man tried uselessly to improve on the native game laws) constituted the only menace of the Indian beaver farming.

The above remarks apply especially to beaver farming and collection in the northern areas of the province of British Columbia. The Indians are virtually monopolists, the beaver being their chief dependence, and occupying relatively the same position as the pig in Ireland. In the southern parts of the province during the close season the beavers have so multiplied as to be in many places a nuisance to the farmers.

Season's Pack

It is estimated that the present season's contribution of beaver which British Columbia makes to the London market approximates 8,000 pelts, of which the Hudson's Bay company has sent forward 6,038, a considerable portion of these collected in the Sound cities, although originating in this Canadian province. Thus yesterday's shipment included on sample lot of 130 Cassin beaver bought in Seattle, together with 52½ pounds of castoreum. The British Columbia output of the latter for the current season will probably amount to from 400 to 500 pounds. Castoreum, dust obtained from the beaver, is in strong demand as a body essential in the manufacture of perfumery, and sells wholesale, with skin and waste, at \$12 to \$13 a pound; or refined, at from \$30 to \$40 a pound.

The present year's fur collections in British Columbia, taken materially in aggregate quantity from last season's. The mink and marten, which make up the major portion of the supply, are not quite up to standard in quality or color. The British Columbia lynxes, too, are rather small in the average, although the phenomenal price has stimulated many white prospectors to set out lines of traps, which will enable them to contribute materially to next season's collections. The great stimulus is the price—as high as \$32 having been realized last season for skins which ten years ago would have been counted well sold at six-bits each. The foxes this year are exceptionally fine—the pride of the British Columbia collections, and it is believed by experts the best ever sent out, size, quality and color all being unimpeachable. The price at the same time rises satisfactorily high, having doubled within the past twelve or eighteen months, the sales price for silver fox at present running from \$50 to \$900 per skin. Bear, which latterly has been but an indifferent factor in the trade considerations, is coming forward again, and the price on next year's catch is certain to show considerable appreciation, a twenty per cent rise being noted in recent Seattle sales.

As to sea otter, it is expected that the prices will range about the same as last season, although the especially fine lot of eight skins brought in by the schooner "Jesse" are expected by the experts of the trade to bring from \$400 to \$450 or even \$500 on an average. The standard of sealskin values for the year will be fixed by the C. M. Lamson & Co. sales in London, now about due. The Hudson's Bay Co. hold no sealskin sales, allowing Lamson's sales to fix the standard of values. The C. M. B. Co.'s next sales are in early January, when the offerings will be confined to rats and beavers, other furs being offered in March. The general Lamson sales are set for January and March.

JUNIOR SOCCERITES WILL SOON BE BUSY

It won't be long now before the junior association football players begin to get real busy. There will be three teams out for the city championship this year as follows: Esquimalt, High School and North Ward. They are reported to be ready for the fray and many declare that the battles will be fierce and spectacular. If the boys don't put up some rattling fine exhibitions of the Englishman's great game there are not a few who will have missed their guess. The schedule will be drafted immediately and the first "1st" Test match, first match will take place. Thereafter, the spurs fly.

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Bleached Table Damask, 67 inches wide.
Per yard \$1.25
Bleached Table Damask, 71 inches wide.
Per yard \$1.75
Bleached Table Damask, 72 inches wide.
Per yard \$2.25
Unbleached Table Damask, 54 inches wide.
Per yard 35¢
Unbleached Table Damask, 54 inches wide.
Per yard 50¢
Unbleached Table Damask, 63 inches wide.
Per yard 85¢
Ready-made Cloths, 66 x 86, pure linen.
Each \$1.75
Ready-made Cloths, 60 x 90, fine quality
linen. Each \$4.00

Ready-made Cloths, 8 x 12, fine quality
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No. 4—One Cloth and 1 doz. Napkins.
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No. 5—One Cloth and 1 doz. Napkins.
Per set \$11.25
No. 6—One Cloth and 1 doz. Napkins.
Per set \$12.00
No. 7—One Cloth and 1 doz. Napkins.
Per set \$15.25
No. 8—One Cloth and 1 doz. Napkins.
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Church Is Organized.

At a meeting held last evening at the K. of P. hall, Grace English Lutheran congregation elected officers for the year 1910 and adopted the necessary by-laws to the constitution, thus completing the organization commenced several months ago. Though

the weather was very unfavorable a large number of the members were present, which illustrates the interest in the undertaking. The officers chosen were: Vice-president, Mr. L. Kaiser; secretary, Mr. O. Klossen; treasurer, L. P. Fredericksen. In addition to these officers seven deacons,

three trustees and two wardens were elected. The term of office as fixed by the by-laws is for the year ending in January, 1911, excepting three of the deacons who serve for two years. Nearly 200 adherents have been secured. Incorporation will be sought at the next session of Parliament.

His Timely Question

(From Harper's Bazar.)
"Bridget darling," said Pat, who was well versed in the ways of women, "when it comes Christmas, what would ye folks to take down to the shops to exchange?"

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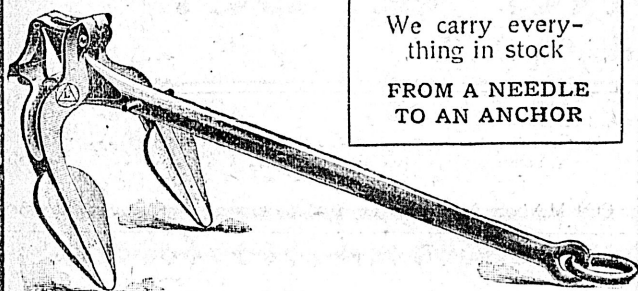
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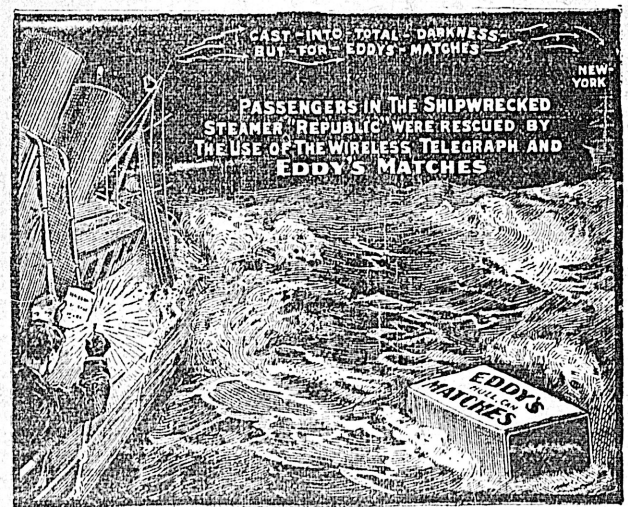


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NEWS OF THE CITY

Take Out Permits.

Building permits were taken out yesterday by Parfitt Bros for alterations to a dwelling on Fernwood Road to cost \$300 and to L. P. Young for a dwelling to be erected on Princess Avenue to cost \$1,700.

Congratulate T. W. Paterson.

At the monthly meeting of the board of trade held yesterday a unanimous resolution congratulating T. W. Paterson on his appointment as lieutenant-governor was passed. Mr. Paterson had been a member of the board for many years past and is an ex-president.

To Give Dance.

The Pythian Sisters are giving a grand masquerade ball and tombola drawing on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15th in the A.O.U.W. hall. Special prizes are given by the Knights of Pythias for the best dressed lady and gentleman. All prizes are on exhibit in J. Barnsley's window on Government street.

Time Extended.

Notice is given in the current issue of the B. C. Gazette that the time for completing the rolls in the assessment districts of Victoria and Omnica has been further extended from January 10 until the 28th February. The time for completing the duties of the courts of revision and appeal is coincidentally extended to the 10th March next.

An Informal Call.

Hon. W. H. Cushing, commissioned by the government of Alberta to confer with the government of this province in respect to the facilities demanded by the Pacific handling of the prairie grain crop, paid his respectful informal call to Premier McBride and his colleagues on Wednesday evening. His conference with the ministers will for the present be confidential in character.

The Mill Bay Road.

The work of establishing construction camps on the Carlin sections of the new Mill Bay road has now been completed, and actual construction work on these sections began last Monday. Everything possible will be done to have the work as far advanced as possible, before weather conditions interfere further operations, which will be very soon. The contractors expect to carry out their contract to the letter, and have the new road open and ready for traffic by the 1st September next.

Winding Up Company.

In pursuance of the decision reached at a general meeting of shareholders of the Canadian Taylor Automatic Alarm & Call Bell Co., Ltd., held in this city on the 3rd instant, to wind up the affairs of the company under the provisions of the Companies Winding Up Act of 1898, Joseph Pelton being appointed liquidator, with Albion Jones and R. C. Wilson as inspectors, formal notice has been given to creditors to deliver particulars of their claims before the 31st of January, when the liquidator will proceed to distribute the assets of the company.

Will Consider By-Law.

Prior to tonight's regular meeting of the streets, bridges and sewer committee a special meeting of the city council will be held when the by-law to be submitted to the ratepayers to provide for the election of a board of control will be considered and put through its various stages. After the passing of the by-law by the council ten days notice must be given by advertisement after which the measure can be submitted to the ratepayers. It is expected the voting on the measure can take place sometime during the last week of the month.

Two More Railroads.

Still other railway projects show themselves, yesterday's issue of the B. C. Gazette adding two to the total now on the order paper for the approaching session. In the one case the House will be asked for private legislation to create, create and empower a company which proposes to build from the international boundary to the source of the Salmon River; while in the second case, the prospective company aspires to establish railway connection between Port Moody and the mouth of Mestfoot River. Davis, Marshall & MacNeill are acting for the former company, and Wade, Wheeler & MacQuarrie for the latter.

Mistakes Somewhere.

A Washington (D. C.) despatch in the Colonist yesterday, according to local post office officials, was obviously based upon misconception on the part of its sender, inasmuch as it asserts that the British postal authorities have decided to refuse admittance to the mails of letters and packages decorated with the supplementary Red Cross stamps, which are the latest aid of philanthropic enterprise. It is explained by the authorities competent to speak in the matter that no such regulation exists, nor has mail matter so decorated at any time been returned or refused (so far as known here) that has been properly stamped for transmission. Of course these special souvenir stamps have no transmission value, and must be supplemented by the usual requisite postage stamps.

Many New Companies.

The current issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains a formal notice by Wilson & Blomfield of the intention of the B. C. Packers Association to seek incorporation by private bill at the approaching session of the local Legislature. Among the extra-provincial companies which have just been authorized by registration or license to transact business in British Columbia, the principal are the Melchior-Puget Sound Lumber Co., the London & Lancashire Fire, Glass & Indemnity Co. of Canada, and the Midland Insurance Co., Limited. Among new provincial companies are the Buncaneer Bay Mining Co., the Gillfillan Lumber Co., Ltd., J. C. Mortimer & Co., Ltd., the Marlborough House Co., Ltd., the Mission Water, Light & Power Co., Ltd., the Shook Creek Bonanza Mining Co., Ltd., the Surrey Nurseries, Ltd., and the Western Specialties, Ltd.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 9, 1939.

SYNOPSIS.

The centre of a storm area over the Vancouver Island and fresh winds and gales have occurred on the Straits and outside waters; rain and sleet have fallen in Oregon and Washington and weather conditions west of the Rockies are unsettled. In the Prairie provinces the high area remains central over Manitoba; snow is falling at Edmonton and temperatures below zero are general reaching 30 below at Winnipeg.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	45
Vancouver	38	43
New Westminster	38	42
Kamloops	21	34
Barrow	19	24
Port Simpson	19	22
Adin	26 below 24 b.	
Dawson, Y. T.	44 below 28 b.	
Calgary, Alta.	10 below zero	
Winnipeg, Man.	34 below 22 b.	
Portland, Ore.	34	46
San Francisco, Cal.	48	54

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Friday:

Victoria and vicinity: Easterly and southerly winds, unsettled with showers and stationary or higher temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light to moderate winds, chiefly cloudy with showers and stationary or higher temperature.

THURSDAY.

Highest	45
Lowest	46
Mean	42
Rain .05 inch; sunshine, 4 hours, 6 minutes.	

A Transprovincial Highway.

The following resolution based upon the plan suggested by the Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of public works, that existing highways in the province should be so linked up as to form a through thoroughfare from the confines of Alberta to the coast of British Columbia was passed unanimously at the trade held yesterday: "That as this meeting is informed that the provincial government is considering the linking up of existing wagon roads in the southern and central portions of B. C. through the Kootenay district to Alberta this board wishes to go on record as approving and endorsing the principle of linking together various sections of wagon and trunk roads, wherever practicable, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, and the Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of public works."

OBITUARY NOTICES

Slater.

The funeral of the late Annie Louise Slater took place at 11 a. m. at B. C. Funeral Home, 2300, where service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Stanley. "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Abide With Me" were sung. There was a very large attendance of sympathizing friends, many beautiful flowers being presented. The following acted as pallbearers: S. Wilkinson, R. Keeler, F. West, H. Keeler.

Perett.

The funeral of the late John Perett took place yesterday morning from the Victoria undertaking parlors at 8.45 a. m., and proceeded to the Roman Catholic Church, where services were conducted by the Rev. Father Latour. At 9 a. m. the cortege then proceeded to Ross Bay cemetery, where interment was made. Many friends of the deceased were present at the funeral, including a large number of employees of the Empress hotel, where the late gentleman was engaged as engineer. The following acted as pallbearers: Herbert Carter, Ernest Tribe, C. Gray, P. Smith, James Grant, James Cumming, the latter five mentioned being connected with the C. P. R. hostelry.

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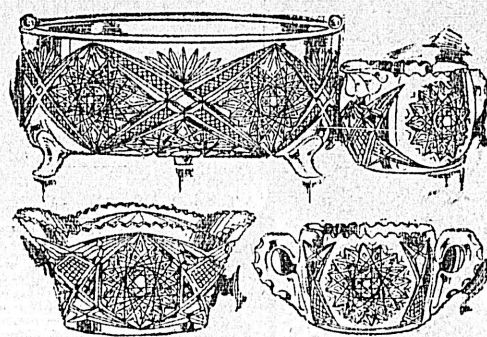
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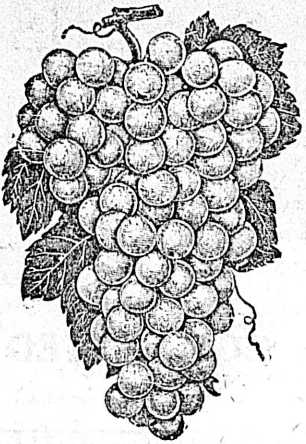
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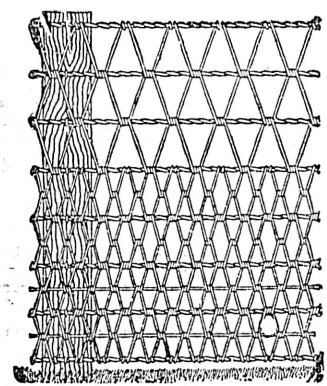
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OBJECT TO G.T.P. WHARF PLANS

Local Interests Claim Construction Will Block Up Harbor Waterway

The information contained in the plans for the G.T.P. wharves to be built here, that the wharves will run out into the harbor for a distance of 372 feet has aroused considerable opposition, different interests claiming that construction along these lines will block the waterway and interfere otherwise with shipping. The opposition which has already developed is disclosed in the following letter read at the regular monthly meeting of the board of trade held yesterday:

Dear Mr. Leiser.—You will recall, when I had the pleasure of meeting yourself and associates on the occasion of our last visit to Victoria, and you were urging that the Grand Trunk Pacific should make progress in its plans for reaching Victoria. I then advised you that we had secured the property and were making plans for the development of our wharves for our steamship service to Victoria, and that undoubtedly what we proposed would be objected to by our competitors, when we went before the Department of Public Works to secure their approval, and that the rapidity of our progress would, therefore, depend upon the amount of support we would receive from the citizens of Victoria in the advocating of our plans, and what it was we proposed to do. You were good enough to assure me that we could rely upon the co-operation of the Board of Trade, and its members at all times. I now find my predictions have come true, and that our plans, which have been lodged with the Minister of Public Works, for his approval are objected to by Elliot & Shandley, representing the Victoria Dock company, Mr. Thos. C. Sorby, secretary of the Inner Harbor Association of Victoria, and Messrs. Ewart, Scott, McLaren & Kelley, Ottawa, on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

I am advising you on the matter to account for any delay that may take place in the carrying out of the proposed plans, and in order that we may have your co-operation in obtaining the approval of such plans and facilitating the progress of the work in such way as you consider feasible and desirable.

CHAS. M. HAYES,
Referred to Committee.

The matter aroused no discussion at the meeting, it being decided to refer it to the harbor committee which was instructed to get the plans from G. A. MacNicol, purchasing agent of the G.T.P. at Vancouver. The harbor committee consists of Messrs. A. F. Pauline, C. H. Lugin, J. J. Shallcross, Beaumont Boggs and John Kingsham.

Seen last evening T. C. Sorby, secretary of the Inner Harbor Association stated in a brief manner the impracticability of the construction as outlined in the plans. With a wharf running out over 300 feet into the waterway it would be impossible for the C.P.R. vessels to leave the harbor. The vessels of the Alaska S.S. company could neither tie up nor depart from the wharf of that company. Similarly vessels could not arrive at nor depart from the wharf of the Marine and Fisheries department. Vessels would find it impossible to get away from the Hudson Bay company's wharf, while ships leaving the inner harbor would not be able to get out at all were a west wind blowing. These in brief summarize Mr. Sorby's arguments, and are also the arguments being advanced by the C.P.R. and the Hudson Bay, and the Victoria Dock companies.

The special committee of the board of trade will deal with the matter within the next few days. The number of interests affected is likely to lead to a considerable modification in the plans at present drawn up by the G.T.P.

Tenders for the construction of the wharves have been called for, and must be in the hands of G. A. MacNicol, purchasing agent, by December 16th.

RESERVES JUDGMENT IN MARINE CASE

Conclusion of Hearing in Bermuda-Charmar Case in Admiralty Court.

Following the presentation of argument by both sides Mr. Justice Martin, sitting with Marine Assessors Captain Parry, R.N., and Captain Musgrave of the D.G.S. Lilloet, in addition.

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trality, reserved judgment in the case of the C.P.R. steamer Charmar versus the tug Bermuda yesterday afternoon.

The case which was opened Wednesday morning involved an interesting question for seamen in that the original action was taken against the tug Bermuda, owned by Macdonald Marpole & Co., Vancouver, and also against a barge of coal, owned by other interests, which she was towing at the time. The defence on Wednesday was successful in having the case against the barge withdrawn on the grounds that it was a dummy incapable of automation. This left the action directed solely against the tug in charge of the barge, although it was the barge that the Charmar collided with.

Practically all of the officers of both craft were called as witnesses and in the course of examination by counsel it developed that there was some misunderstanding as to signals. The prosecution, conducted by Messrs E. P. Davis, K. C., and J. E. McMullin, directed its questions in such a manner as to attempt to show that the Bermuda broke the marine rules by her clumsy manoeuvring while Messrs J. A. Russell and H. P. Robinson, for the defence, attempted to show that the Bermuda had followed the regular course and was within her rights at the time the accident occurred.

The collision took place on December 3, last year, while the Charmar was headed out of the Narrows on her way to Victoria. The Bermuda, with the barge, was bound across the course of the Charmar on the quarter. According to the evidence, the Charmar whistled first despite the alleged customary marine rule of allowing the giving-way vessel to choose the course.

The Charmar signalled that she would proceed to starboard but the Bermuda signalled that she would go to port. Captain Brown then tried to go to port also to prevent a collision but the corner of the barge caught the Charmar's bow and she had to be beached on Brockton Point.

The most of Wednesday's two sittings were taken up with the presentation of the prosecution's case and defence examination only one witness prior to adjournment. The defence finished its case yesterday forenoon and the afternoon was occupied in the hearing of the arguments. In all 12 witnesses were examined.

The action involves a claim of \$16,000.

POLICE BALL WILL BE HELD TONIGHT

First Annual Function Takes Place in Women's Building at Fair Grounds

Tonight the members of the local police department will throw away care and enjoy themselves at the first annual ball to be given by the department. The success of the event is assured and as a result the police hospital fund will be substantially increased. The sale of tickets has been large and a large attendance is looked for.

The woman's building at the fair grounds in which the function will be held, has been beautifully decorated, the committee in charge of the work having been busy all week and wonders have been done with the bunting, flags, and ivy. The effect is fine.

The ballroom floor has been given much attention and with the best of dance music those who delight in dancing will enjoy themselves to the full. Every convenience in the way of cloak rooms, sitting out rooms, etc., have been provided and a special point made to have adequate heating arrangements. Supper will be served in the supper room upstairs which has also been prettily decorated.

A special ten minute car service will be put on between 8 and 9 o'clock, and special cars will leave the grounds at 1:30 and 3 o'clock. From the car platform to the building a covered sidewalk has been erected and a sidewalk laid so that guests may reach the building in comfort.

Arrangements will also be made whereby no confusion will arise over carriages and in fact everything possible will be done for the comfort of the guests. Miss Thain's orchestra of six pieces will supply the music.

DOMESTIC HELP WANTED IN CITY

I. D. L. Discusses Matter—Hand Clearing Scheme on the Island

The question of the urgent need of domestic help in Victoria was brought up at an executive meeting of the Vancouver Island Development league held in the board of trade building yesterday morning. J. J. Shallcross, one of the members, introduced the matter, dwelling on the advisability of the league pointing out the opportunity for domestic help in its publicity propaganda.

After a discussion it was decided that steps should be taken to include in the advertising campaign mention of the openings for domestics in the city. The proposal of R. Marpole, vice-president of the E. & N. railroad, with reference to land clearing on the island was considered, and it was decided to write to him and ask him to explain the scheme in detail. The league expressed its anxiety to co-operate with Mr. Marpole, if possible, in any land clearing project applicable to Vancouver Island.

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Others matters which cropped up at the meeting were of minor importance.

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DISCUSSION ON INSURANCE BILL

Attitude of Board of Trade on Legislation Now Before Parliament

A lengthy discussion on the insurance bill now before the Dominion Parliament at the monthly meeting of the board of trade yesterday resulted in a rehash of old arguments relative to the protection of existing companies in Canada, and the terms under which foreign companies should be allowed to operate. The discussion was of a nugatory character resulting finally in an amendment to an amendment being carried as follows: "That the subject be referred to a select committee to be nominated by the chair and that such a committee report at a special meeting to be called to receive same."

The section at issue in the bill now before Parliament is section 71. This section it is stated will have the effect of creating a monopoly and combine of the fire insurance business of Canada.

Letters from different boards of trade throughout Canada expressing by resolution their attitudes on the bill and the disputed section were read.

Resolution Moved.

After explaining the situation from the standpoint of the insurance companies J. J. Shallcross moved the following resolution: "That whereas section 71 of bill 97, an act respecting insurance, now before the Parliament will have the effect of creating a monopoly and combine of the fire insurance business of Canada.

"Whereas it is admitted even by the Fire Underwriters' Association that companies licensed in Canada cannot handle the total fire insurance business of the country.

"Whereas the assured should have the right to purchase insurance in the cheapest market."

"Therefore it is resolved that the council of the Victoria board of trade place itself on record as strongly opposing the provisions of the above mentioned section, No. 71, and urges that nothing shall be incorporated in the new insurance act which will restrict freedom in obtaining insurance, or prevent the placing of such insurance outside of Canada either directly or indirectly or through brokers resident in Canada.

"That this board is of opinion that the insurance companies should not be subject to special taxes which necessarily increase premiums and form a contribution for those who insure for the benefit of those who do not insure."

This resolution was never put to the meeting.

After further discussion E. M. Johnson moved the following amendment:

"That every person, firm and corporation sole or aggregate, transacting directly or indirectly, in the Dominion of Canada, or any part thereof, any indemnity business, including life, fire, marine, accident, burglar, and any and every other form of money or other indemnity, or loss of or to life or real or personal property, be placed on the same basis as to money deposit, license fee, tax, and any and every other charge, condition, imposition, or regulation."

This amendment never came to the vote, and finally the amendment to this amendment as stated above carried.

The committee appointed to consider the matter is composed of Messrs. George Carter, J. J. Shallcross, J. Forman, R. S. Day, Colonel Erler, E. M. Johnson and M. B. Jackson.

Before the meeting adjourned a resolution endorsing the holding of a convention of men representing mining interests in Nelson to consider the bill and means to establish a zinc industry in the province was carried unanimously.

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At a meeting of the Local Council of Women lately held in Vancouver a committee was authorized to make enquiries into truth of the statement that objectionable reading matter is coming into the country through other channels than that of the post office. This is a matter on which every mother and father in the province is vitally interested. If there is the slightest reason to believe that there are circulated among boys and girls either books or pictures or newspapers which have an evil tendency no means should be left untried, to discover the truth. No punishment can be too severe for the miscreant who for the sake of gain plants evil thoughts in the minds of innocent children. The detectives cannot be better employed than in preventing the entrance into the homes of such a source of corruption. But this matter cannot safely be left in the hands even of the most faithful and the most vigilant officials. All who have the responsibility of bringing up children should see to it that no objectionable literature is read by them and exercise still greater care that no pictures carrying even a suggestion of evil are circulated among them. In such a matter it is emphatically true that eternal vigilance is the price of safety.

The most effective means of keeping out bad books is to create in the children's mind a love for what is pure and true. The taste for good literature begins very early. As soon as the baby is old enough to ask for a story its education commences. Those wondrous rhymes of Mother Goose which have come down to us from the children of the past are a very precious heritage and those mothers are foolish who despise the nonsense rhymes. If the care has been taken which even the busy mother can give, the little one who leaves home for school will have a taste for the beautiful and no small store of pretty verses and simple stories. These are added in the primary schools for the days have gone by when spelling and arithmetic were forced on minds unfitted for them and pretty songs and beautiful stories make the early school days happy.

It is when the children have entered into the senior grade that there is the greatest danger that other studies shall crowd out the taste for literature. There is so much to be done before they reach the high school that the old fashioned reading lesson with its careful analysis and study of the meanings of words is apt to be neglected. The teacher grows to be wary of the bypaths that used to lead to such unexpected delights in the days when examinations were unknown. Tintables must be adhered to and the course of study crowded. Yet it is doubtful if anything the boy or girl has learned who must go to work when the high school certificate is gained, is worth so much to him as that acquaintance with good authors that made their fathers and mothers cherish their old reading books long after school days were past.

However, if less time may be spent over reading in school there are far more books for children to read out of school. And so many of these are good and beautiful that their elders are apt to envy them at this season of the year, when the stores contain splendid copies. In choosing their Christmas presents all who love them can hardly do the children better service than to add to their libraries. Every good book they can be induced to read lessens the danger of their acquiring a taste for bad ones.

The drawing taught in the schools and the influence of the drawing mistress is doing much to create a taste for the beautiful. Many of the teachers have taken pains to introduce into their rooms copies of really good pictures. All this is good. But it should be possible to bring into each school something still more beautiful than these pictures which must necessarily be inexpensive reproductions. If in the corridors or assembly halls a very few good prints or beautiful casts were placed the influence on the rising generation would be elevating. To bring this about would be a worthy object for women to aim at.

In Spokane the women who were candidates for the office of school trustee have been defeated. In Vancouver there is a movement to place women on the school board. It has been recognized in England that the management of the schools should be very largely in the hands of women. In that country some of the wisest and noblest women in the land are giving their time to the management of the schools. In Victoria we have been fortunate in having on the school board one who has been placed there not because she is a woman but because she is a wise and capable trustee. Pitiless for the office and leisure to devote to its duties are the only qualifications which should be considered in electing those into whose control the schools of the city are placed.

Those who heard Mr. J. J. Kelso speak in Victoria will be surprised to learn that he has come out as an opponent of charity. In his work among the children, considerations of what we should call worldly prudence did not seem to him the only qualifications which should be considered in electing those into whose control the schools of the city are placed. He sees that no more ruinous work can go on in a country than the pauperizing of its people. This he believes has already done much harm in Toronto and he thinks it is high time to call a halt. The aged and the sick must be helped but the man or woman who is strong enough to earn a living should be allowed to eat the bread of idleness. There are few, even in our own prosperous city, who have not felt that while they were helping the unfortunate there was a danger of taking away their independence. It is a common remark that the same families ask for help every winter. In some cases the helpers have the satisfaction of seeing the children grow up to be useful, self-supporting citizens. In many others temporary aid has put the father in the way of earning an honest living for wife and children. But there are others where no real effort seems to be made to rise above the circumstances which have combined to bring about the need of help. Happily the number of these is small and though

In Woman's Realm

We have not here what is called "Associated Charities" and much is given without investigation and the organizations are in touch with one another so that charity is seldom bestowed upon the same individual by more than one society. What is spoken of in larger cities as individual giving is almost unknown in Victoria. The beggar who goes from door to door, does not trouble the housekeeper here. But much help is given unasked for, by kind hearted people, to friends and neighbors who would not admit their need as long as it could be hidden. It is very seldom indeed that bad results follow such giving. It is always worth while to show sympathy with those who are sick or unfortunate and by kindly tactful offer of help make it unnecessary to ask strangers for that charity which is too often truthfully described as cold. This kind of giving does not make paupers, as many generous and more grateful Victorians can testify.

What shall we be told next? For fifty years people have believed that epidemics were due to sewer gas and that the surrounding air was poisoned by its escape. Now we are assured that this belief is wrong but that the danger has been greatly exaggerated. By recent investigations it has been found that "bacteria may pass from sewage into sewer-air, but only in such small numbers as scarcely to affect its general composition. There is, therefore, little reason to believe that sewer-air needs to be feared as a means of conveying infectious diseases." All this may be true. Yet most housekeepers will prefer to keep their sinks and bath rooms as clean as hands can make them and all drain pipes well flushed, while leaks will be promptly repaired. If the wise people have made mistakes in days gone by, it is just possible that new discoveries may contradict present day theories.

SALE OF WORK

The happy prattle of children and pleasant hum of conversation among their mothers, gilded the visit along the winding way that led to the room in the A. O. U. W. hall where the ladies of the German Lutheran church held their tea and Christmas sale of work last evening.

It is only two months since the arrival of the pastor, Mr. Gerbisch, and the re-organization of the congregation after an interval of two years since the departure of the former pastor.

But the German ladies have gone to work with energy and the good display of pretty and useful articles attracted a large number of buyers. Delicious refreshments were served and over the cups friends spent a pleasant hour.

Mrs. Papke and Mrs. Seefert had charge of the table of pretty fancy work. Mrs. Hilliger and Mrs. Herburger had a table on which there was a variety of articles suitable for Christmas presents.

Tea was served by Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Andrach and Miss Fescher. Miss Papke's table of nice homemade candy was a great attraction and the little ones crowded round Miss Herburger's "Old Oaken Bucket."

Altogether the sale was a successful one and an atmosphere of kindness and good will pervaded the gathering.

The sum of \$188.50 was realized by the sale of work and concert at the Cathedral schoolroom by the girls of the Junior W. A. on Wednesday.

W. C. T. U. MEETING

There was a fair attendance at the business meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon. The report of the committee appointed to collect the first payment for the new building for the Mission reported that \$2,580 in cash had been collected, the city had given \$500. There was in the bank \$1,200, the mission board had advanced \$300, and a friend's loan of \$420 made up the \$5,000 needed for the first payment on the new building.

A vote of thanks was passed to all who had contributed to this fund as well as to those whose subscriptions would enable the society to return the \$720 loaned. A committee consisting of the officers with Mrs. Wellwood, Mrs. Van, Grant, Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Gordon (trust was appointed to see that the new mission building was ready for occupancy by the new year.

In the meantime the rooms at the temporary quarters are full and the work is going on as satisfactorily as the society could hope.

The Silver Birch

By Jean Blouett

Back from the highway, my lady of dreams
Murmurs a roundelay tender:
Silence and fragrance, and flowers and streams,
These do you sing of, my lady of dreams,
Standing so stately and slender!
Silvery white where the lone shadows brood,
White where the starlight is streaming,
Silvery white through your virginal smood,
Silvery white through your veil and your hood—
You, with your singing and dreaming!

You, with a cloak of the loveliest green
Draping your warm whiteness over!
You, with the breath of the forest, I ween,
Mosses and briars with lilies between—
Haunts of the poet and lover!

Back from the highway, my lady of dreams
Murmurs a roundelay tender:
Silence and fragrance, and flowers and streams,
These do you sing of, my lady of dreams,
Standing so white and so slender!
All bodies are so smart it's a mystery where so many brains go before they grow up.

SOME OF THE NEW PIANOS

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STATESMEN'S RECREATION

The pastimes of eminent statesmen are many and varied—shooting, fishing and yachting have each their respective adherents, while motoring, tennis, and games of all sorts are scarcely less popular. In the mental precision, keenness for debate, and powerful intellect of the Prime Minister, we find his tastes for recreation reflected. For instance, a few years ago, in the pre-motoring days, when cycling was the latest mobile fashion, he is said to have invented a machine so original and ingenious in design that he was asked by the King—then Prince of Wales—to make him another like it. Mr. Asquith has one weakness, we are told, and that is for golf, with which he amuses himself occasionally in the parliamentary recess.

The leader of the opposition—as every one knows—finds his chief recreation in golf, and, despite his apparent lack of energy, he is a keen athlete and automobilist. When he began to drive a motor-car the newspapers rather unkindly dubbed him a chauffeur, because of his love for high speed. He is a member of the Handel society; music forms his principal indoor recreation. As a philosopher and man of letters his reputation is world-wide, his interest in psychological research being a matter of common knowledge. That he was a lending library member of that curious society—made famous by certain novelists—known as "The Souls," most of our readers may not be aware.

The stir and excitement of political life appear to furnish sufficient diversion to Mr. Lloyd George, who plays the game with the daring, ardour, and tirelessness of the true lover of sport.

Politics likewise absorb the main energies of the president of the board of trade. The sportsmanship of Mr. Winston Churchill has notwithstanding revealed itself in every stage of his career—for example, when he fought with the Spaniards in Cuba; again in the battles in the Sudan and South Africa, when he held the post of war correspondent; and finally by the strategy with which he outwitted his captors when taken prisoner by the Boers. Indeed each role was distinguished in turn by the unflinching spirit and disregard of consequences that mark his attitude in the house of commons. In the making of books Mr. Churchill finds another source of amusement, his talents in this line being exhibited no less in the brilliant letters sent home from the seat of war than in the literary excellence of his "Life" of his famous father, Lord Randolph. Further, as a huntsman and polo-player Mr. Winston Churchill is in the front rank.

The Earl of Rosebery—a statesman probably unexcelled in the multiplicity of his mental gifts—has many recreations. He is best known to the man in the street as the owner of two horses that have won the Derby. An able yachtsman and sportsman, Lord Rosebery is equally at home in all branches of literature, his claim to a niche in the world of letters being fully justified by his fine studies of Pitt, Oliver Cromwell, and Lord Randolph Churchill. He is a master of wit and satire, his felicitous choice of words making him as delightful a talker as he is unrivalled in parliamentary debate.

Lord Rosebery's son-in-law, Earl Crewe, is a member of the Jockey club, and amuses himself with shooting and hunting. He is an enthusiastic book-collector, and owns a library of thirty-two thousand volumes.

If rumor may be credited, the secretary of foreign affairs—whose exceptional oratorical powers are the envy of "egg-fried men"—prefers auditing and tennis to politics. In fact, Mr. Gladstone, speaking of Sir Edward Grey, affirmed that he "never remembered a man possessing so signal a capacity for parliamentary life and so small a disposition to it." Sir Edward, it may be recollected, was the winner of the M. C. C. and Queens club tennis prizes in 1896.

The recreations of the Right Honorable Augustine Birrell include pedestrianism, golf and book-collecting. The popular Irish secretary is, however, best known as the author of the delightful series of essays, "Older Dileta" and "Res Judicatae."

Mr. McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, combines the study of mathematics with the sport of rowing. He has rowed in crews that won the Grand and Stewards' Cups at Henley.

Hunting and cricket are the favorite amusements of the Right Honorable Walter Long—Irene H. Blisson in Family Herald.

Mother Goose Explained.

There was a man in our town
Who was so wondrous wise
He jumped into a bramble bush
And scratched out both his eyes.
"Because," said he, "when they are gone
I shall not see again
The list of things so sad and wan
That give me so much pain—viz.:
The gowns the modern ladies wear
That make them look so tall and spare,
Likewise the way they fix their hair
With puffs in rows designed to please,
But much resembling sausages;
The modern show upon the stage
O'er which the modern heathen rage,
So truly grievous to the sage.

These things I shall not have to see
Now that my eyes have gone from me;
The modern kid upon the way,
Old, cold, and terribly base,
Whose play is work, and work is play—
A thing of gold, no doubt, within,
But on the outside more like tin:
The countryside once fair and green,
With farms and gardens in between,
Whereon, alas! today are seen
Great fences reared and letters huge;
Use Uncle Peter's Liquid Rouge;
My fellow beings, tired chaps,
Suspended from the Subway straps
Or dangling in the slitters' laps;
And weary women on their feet,
With young folks filling every seat,
The motors whizzing o'er the way,
On which the little children play,
Regardless of the price they pay,
I get enough of motor woes
By merely using of my nose!

'Twas to escape from sights like these
I jumped into those bramble trees
And scratched my eyes out I would fain
When they are cured, jump in again
And scratch 'em back, that I may see
The pleasant sights that used to be!"
Horace Dodd Gastit.

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BAYLIS WINS THREE LAPS

Speedy Islander Overcame Stanley With Comfortable Margin

ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD AT ASSEMBLY HALL

Victorian Holds British Columbia Championship—Art Burn Next Opponent

Frank Baylis is British Columbia's champion five miller.

In last night's race against A. Stanley, the speedy Swede, the Victorian established a lead of three laps and a little more before going the full route. His time was 27:23-5, not particularly fast when compared with records but really good when it is remembered that the size of the Assembly hall made twenty laps necessary before nothing off a single mile.

There was a large and enthusiastic crowd and Baylis had many loyal supporters who congregated about him at the finish with profuse congratulations.

Stanley made a game struggle. He took the lead at first and made the pace for some distance. At one time he took half a lap to the good and going strong. Then Baylis sprang for a little, established a lead of 2 laps, or one-twentieth of a mile, in spite of Stanley's efforts to stand him off. Later he increased it. All the time the Swede, plainly outclassed, pluckily plodded along, making occasional sprints which always were met with by the determined Islander.

It was shortly after 9 o'clock when J. P. Sweeney, master of ceremonies, lined up the men. They got away with a sprint, Stanley leading. He was half a lap to the good at the finish of the first mile which was negotiated in 5:1-5. In the fourth lap of the second mile Baylis began to close up the gap with a suddenness that brought spectators to their feet. Stanley took the challenge but couldn't hold the man behind down and soon it was a case of the "first being last." Baylis took up the pace-making at the end of the fifth lap. The time in the second mile was 10:40.

Stanley Little Worn.

The third mile found Baylis strong and Stanley somewhat worn. Yet the latter kept up well and fought hard when the sturdy Victorian elbowed up to him in the tenth lap. It was no good. Baylis wouldn't be denied and he was in the lead, with a lap to his credit, when the time-keeper announced that the third mile had been finished in 16:55.

One more lap was made by Baylis in the fourth mile. The time was 22:52. In the final struggle the two lads held their respective positions pretty well. Stanley called on all his reserve to do so but he succeeded. All that Bay-

lis could do was to widen the gap half a lap. He finished in the time indicated, with three and a half laps of a margin, and in a manner that was chipper, when his five mile run was considered bowed his acknowledgments of the acclaim that followed the announcement of the result.

Art Burn Next.

It is probable that Art Burn will be Baylis' next opponent. The Calgary man at present is training at Harrison Hot Springs. He has determined to visit Victoria for the special purpose of taking a fall out of the Islander. Whether he will be as successful as he says remains to be seen. Baylis doesn't think so.

Stanley took his defeat philosophically. He declared that the reason he was beaten was because he was stale having been running too much lately. He intends going from here to Spokane, thence south and probably will return to Victoria sometime in the Spring.

TAYLOR WINS THE FINAL OF HANDICAP

The Empress hotel handicap billiard tournament is at an end. It concluded last night when Taylor overcame Youle, in the final match, with a margin of something over one hundred. Taylor had no difficulty whatever in defeating Youle and the latter, who had many loyal supporters who gathered to witness the last of what has been a splendid series, expecting to see a struggle of exceptional closeness, were disappointed.

Another handicap, it is understood, will be organized immediately.

WILDFOWL PLENTIFUL ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

No Reason For Alarm as to Mallard, Widgeon and Other Varieties of Duck—Hunters May Rejoice.

That ducks are scarce in British Columbia this fall is a report in circulation that should be denied. With the apparent decrease in the grouse stock it would be a poor outlook indeed if it became evident that the waterfowl had decided to shun British Columbia in their annual migration. They haven't. As a matter of fact they were never more plentiful, according to authentic report, on the waters of the Fraser river and throughout the low lands of the southern mainland. As for the Island—well that's another question.

Still these birds have not cut out the island by any means, as inquiry at the stores of a number who deal in that kind of game yesterday proved. Teal, it is true, are not being shot in as large quantities as usual. The explanation of this must be undertaken by one more intimately acquainted with the vagaries of that winged creature. However there is no reason to believe that its absence is permanent or that Victorians won't have plenty of opportunity in the future of partaking of this toothsome tit bit. As for Mallards, widgeon, wild geese, et al. they are being killed just as freely now as ever before at this season. The mallards and widgeon at present on the market come, for the most part from Cowichan and other points along the east coast. The geese are frequenters of the coves and fords of the west coast. And in discussing this variety it is interesting to know that the Island has it over the mainland, the geese that find their way to Vancouver and adjacent centres almost all being killed on this side of the gulf.

AT HALF-TIME

Can anyone let us know why the Berkeley University is not going to visit Victoria during their sojourn in the north?

The Y.M.C.A. basketball team will meet Seattle's five in a few days. The locals have a score to settle. It's up to Physical Director Findlay and his proteges to get busy.

Bewildering in the extreme is all this talk about amateurism and professionalism. Few sportsmen know where they are at. It would be an act of charity if the B. C. A. U. would clear the atmosphere at Saturday night's meeting.

Still more about the big battle between Jeffries and Johnson. Stories come to hand with every mail and no two are the same. Now comes the report that the learned Philadelphia fighters and drawn the conclusion that Jeff is due for one grand "whaling." They say that Jeffries is in imperfect condition and that he can never be bettered at his time of life.

Supposing Berkeley beats Vancouver in the Keith cup matches and Victor turns the trick on the mainlanders after the southerners have gone home what happens to the Pacific Coast championship? The issue logically should rest between Victoria and California's University. Doubtless, however, the cup will peacefully repose south of the border.

Soon the 1909 shooting season will be no more. Its last days have arrived. On the 15th inst. the law steps in and puts a protecting arm about the deer while after New Year's day it does the same by pheasants, grouse and quail. Devotees of the chase had better make the best of the present for the future is blue. However there is always the trap shooting available for whiling away idle moments.

What a time there will be when the sportsmen of Vancouver, New Westminster, and Victoria, gather here to discuss the amateur and professional problem. It is many moons since such a beautiful controversial subject has been considered jointly. Here, indeed, will be an opportunity for the athletic orators and debaters of the different neighboring cities.

Oral betting doesn't meet with the fancy of the sports wintering at the Emeryville track, California. They don't like the system and the usual geniality of the frequenters of the course is sadly missing. Instead there is a spirit of dissatisfaction. So far there have not been many actual arrests for the violation of the law, but the outlook isn't going to pursue an even and uninteresting course. Trouble is due to occur any day.

Pardon. Just another word about Jeffries and Johnson. They were seen on the same stage at Madison Square New York, a few days ago and the wise ones had a chance to get wiser. Jeff had Sam Berger for his opponent, while Johnson met Joe Murray of Columbia University. A despatch says: "It is true that the big white man never extended himself, but those who witnessed the lightning work of the black as he mixed things up with Murray were astounded at his speed and shiftness. When the negro did lumber he looked like chain-lightning in action. Jim Corbett was never faster than the negro, according to some of the expert fight fans, who are won-

dering if Jeffries' strength can overcome the negro's increasing skill."

In the soccer match between the Empress and the Barons, to be played tomorrow afternoon at Beacon Hill the latter will line up as follows: Goal, B. Tait; fullbacks, G. Sherratt and Brewster; halfbacks, H. Heath, C. Bishop, and G. Bishop; forwards, A. Middleton, F. Middleton, A. Le Dive, How-trey and Miller.

The friends of E. Bishop, whose leg was broken in a match on Saturday last, will be pleased to hear that he is doing remarkably well and is expected to be out of the hospital by Monday.

The new grounds of the Victoria Tennis club, on Cadboro Bay road, are a credit to the city. They have been developed in a beautiful green. Spacious enough to allow for more than double the number of courts available at Belcher street and with space as well for a splendid pavilion the tennis enthusiasts should not want for anything for years. Still another tennis centre is talked of. The Kingston street club is believed to be negotiating for the purchase of property near the centre of the city. More ambitious even than the Victoria club the construction of an enclosure for one or two winter courts is contemplated.

Vancouver Dog Third
BARBER, N. C. Dec. 9.—The all-age stake of the Pointer club of America was run here last Wednesday. There were eight starters. More birds were found than at any time since the trials began. The stake was won by Manitoba Frank, owned by Thomas Johnson, of Winnipeg, and handled by J. A. Guide.

Spots Rip Rap, owned by D. G. Macdonald, of Victoria, and handled by E. D. Garr, of Louisville, was third. The work of Manitoba Frank was magnificent.

Salt Spring Match
GANGES, Dec. 9.—The North Salt Spring football team will play the representatives of the south end in a football match on Friday, December 10th. The north end team will probably include the following: P. Lowther, W. Acout, T. Speed, W. Lundy, J. M. Rogers (capt.), F. Crofton, H. Mansell, R. Norton, B. Cartwright, H. Emerson and P. T. Speed. South Salt Spring will undoubtedly turn out a representative eleven. The match be-
ceptionally exciting.

FIRST AID INJURED CLASS AT Y. M. C. A.

Among the Y. M. C. A. athletic members there has been organized a First Aid to the Injured corps. The drills have already commenced, and from present indications the class is going to be largely and faithfully patronized through the winter. Those who follow it and receive the benefit of its instruction from the outset will be in a position to make practical use, should the occasion arise, of a fund of useful knowledge.

HOW BAYS TAKE FIELD TOMORROW

The Victoria and J. B. A. A. rugby teams take the field in a friendly match tomorrow afternoon. It will be played at Oak Bay. The personnel of the home club's fifteen hasn't yet been decided but that of the James Bay bunch is as follows: Fullback, Johnson; three-quarters, Thompson, Ben-drott, Carss, and Nason; halfbacks, Grimison and Scott; forwards, Miller, Sweeney, Kennedy, Sweeney (J.), Robson, Turner, Wilson and Hiscocks. Spare, M. Scott.

LOCAL HOCKEYISTS TO PLAY VANCOUVER

To encounter the North Vancouver hockeyists in one of the British Columbia championship series, the Victoria hockey team will take the boat for the Mainland this evening. Just how the Islanders will line-up hasn't been decided, but they will present a strong team, according to report, and should show their opponents clean pairs of heels.

VICTORIA'S CHANCE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

While it is disappointing that Victorians should not have a chance of seeing their rugby representatives in action against the Vancouver Philistines, the wishes of all will follow the boys to the Mainland, where on Saturday, the 18th inst. they meet the enemy for the second time in the McKeechle cup series.

Victoria won the first match by three points. The result was not great but it was just as effective as would have been a twenty-point victory. The point, however, is whether the Mainland press reports that the Terminal City fifteen showed the most quality are correct. On the Island the staff isn't credited. But here is another opportunity under the same condition. The result will be awaited almost with bated breath.

And about that postponed local match it is gratifying to note that Vancouver will have to come to this city twice in succession in order to equalize matters.

SALT LAKE CITY SCENE BIG FIGHT

Promoter Rickards Made Definite Announcement Yesterday—Will Not Be Fake.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 9.—The Jeffries-Johnson bout will be held in Salt Lake City, and it will be no fake, says Rickard's positive declaration to the local sports today. "I will not have to fix an official in Salt Lake in order to pull the bait off these Bankers, brokers and business men of the city want me to hold it there and give me all the necessary assurance that it will not be interfered with. The Salt Palace, where the bout will be held, with some alterations, hold about 30,000 persons."

BRITISH CRICKET TEAM IN AFRICA

Englishmen Arrive at Cape Town—A Few Notes on English Sport.

The English cricket team selected to tour South Africa has arrived there. Subjoined are the complete programme:
Dec. 10, 11, 13—At Kimberley, vs. Fifteen of Graaff-Reinet.
Dec. 15, 16, 17—At Bloemfontaine, vs. Orange River Colony.

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Dec. 21, 22, 23—At Vogenfontein, vs. The Reef (is not yet settled whether this is to be a two or three days' match).
Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30—At Johannesburg, vs. The Transvaal.
Jan. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5—At Johannesburg, vs. South Africa. (First test match.)
Jan. 8, 10, 11—At Durban, vs. Natal.
Jan. 14, 15, 17—At Maritzburg, vs. Natal.
Jan. 21, 22, 24, 25—At Durban, vs. South Africa. (Second test match.)
Jan. 29, 31, Feb. 1—At East London, vs. Border.
Feb. 4, 5, 7—At Queenstown, vs. Queenstown and Northeastern fifteen.
Feb. 11, 12, 14—At Port Elizabeth, vs. Eastern Provinces.
Feb. 18, 19, 21—At Johannesburg, vs. The Transvaal.
Feb. 22, 23, 24—At Pretoria, vs. the Transvaal.
Feb. 26, 28, Mar. 1, 2—At Johannesburg, vs. South Africa. (Third test match.)
March 7, 8, 9, 10—At Cape Town, vs. South Africa. (Fourth test match.)
March 11, 12, 14, 15—At Cape Town, vs. South Africa. (Fifth test match.)

Famous Player Dead.
Frank Beeton, a once famous English international inside-left soccerite who played with Preston North End and Liverpool, died at Preston on Saturday. He was a rare dribbler and a capital shot. His two brothers, Tom and Martin—are still playing. Martin being now in the Southern League.

Sculling Prospects.
Professional sculling, which made rapid headway in the Old Country last season, will have further impetus given to it next summer when Harry Peace, Australia's crack sculler, meets Ernest Barry on the Kootenay river. A match between the two has been talked of for some time and is now being arranged. Peace having challenged the Englishman to row for the championship of England and Australia. The colonial is willing to go to England and meet Barry, and they will probably row in July.

Same With a Difference.
"There is a wide gap between the foundations of the British and Canadian lacrosse games. The tendency of the controllers of Canadian lacrosse is to attempt to work out every detail of strategy and tactics in the club room, and then by the use of megaphones in the grand stands to endeavor to enforce them upon the players in the field. The fact has to be accepted that professional lacrosse in Canada is accompanied by scenes of rowdiness unknown to the game in England, but there can be no question about the extreme brilliancy of the lacrosse that Canadians play, although to an English player it appears that they are sacrificing not only much of their individual ability, but a very great deal of the pleasure of playing, by giving so much attention to this excess of combination."—British Critic.

A movement is on foot to procure lights for the navigation buoys down the Kootenay river from Procter to Nelson. The federal authorities have replaced those on the coast with acetylene gas and it is proposed to utilize the old ones in use prior to the change on the Kootenay river, if they can be had. These carry sufficient oil to last 30 days.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. C. E. Richards left last night for Vancouver.

Mrs. Stephen Phillips from Comichan is enjoying a short visit to Victoria.

J. A. Sayward went over to Vancouver last night on a short business trip.

Miss Mary Grogan left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on a trip to Chicago.

Mr. George Parsons from Pasadena is visiting friends in Victoria for a few days.

E. P. Davis, K.C., returned to Vancouver last evening on the Princess Charlotte.

Guy Forbes of Seattle is visiting in town the guest of Mrs. H. Parker, Oak Bay.

Mrs. E. Ulin and family left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on a trip to Southern California points.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Dodson of Nanaimo who have been visiting in Vancouver have returned to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawke and family of Moyle have recently taken up their residence in Vancouver.

J. Lemon, of the firm of Lemon & Gonnason, went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Mrs. Berkerley Good left for Vancouver last night where she will spend Christmas as the guest of her son.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rickaby from Tacoma arrived in Victoria yesterday and will spend Christmas here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Cue, Miss Cue, Mrs. E. D. Veal, Mr. Fred H. Maitland Douglas and T. K. G. Wedderburn from Cowichan are visitors in town.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Barnard leave today via the C.P.R. for New York, whence they will sail for an extended trip to the Old Country.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price from Vancouver who have been visiting relatives at Esquimalt for the last few days returned home last evening.

Robert Ward and his son, Lieutenant H. E. Ward, left yesterday via the Northern Pacific and the Cunard liner Campania on their return to England.

J. E. McMullen, of Vancouver, who has been in the city for the past day or two on a business trip, returned home last night on the Princess Charlotte.

H. E. Miller and A. H. Miller left last night via the Northern Pacific for St. John, N.B., whence they will sail on the Allan liner Corsican for a three months' trip to the Old Country.

H. D. Helmecken, K.C., left last night for Kamloops, where he will attend the British Columbia Conservative convention which opens its sessions today.

Mr. and the Misses G. Rochester are recent arrivals in town from London, England, after spending a few days here they will proceed to New York en route for England.

Mrs. M. R. Matthews and her daughter, Jean, leave tonight via the C.P.R. for New York, whence they will sail on the White Star liner Celtic on a trip to the Old Country.

Mrs. Henry Harford has returned from a short business trip to Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Harford are residing for the present with Mrs. Harford's mother, Mrs. Harwood, Rock Bay.

Among the Canadians staying at the Del Monte hotel in California last week were Mr. and Mrs. W. Grant Morden, whose marriage occurred here recently; Mrs. Clapham and Miss Clapham of Victoria, Miss Jean Ross of Vancouver and Mrs. Hyde Bakes of Cranbrook.

Recent visitors in Vancouver from Victoria are Mrs. Charles Watson, Mr. J. S. Wagner, Mr. Andrew Stuart, Mr. J. W. Bryant, Mr. A. Watson, Miss Brown, Miss Munroe, Mr. A. Logan, Mrs. Harold, Mr. C. H. Chapman, Mr. W. Peacock, Mr. M. Mears and Mrs. Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson of Arroyo are among the latest arrivals in the city. Their party consists of points are: Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Byon and children of Nelson, Mr. D. B. Hall, Mr. D. M. McIntosh of Chilliwack, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ackerman of Huntington, Dr. D. J. McDonald of Revelstoke, Mr. G. M. Thrift of Hazelton, Mr. E. C. W. Mr. C. W. Curlew of Comox, and Mr. C. E. Hutton of Vernon.

Among the recent visitors to Victoria from Vancouver were: Mr. R. H. Alexander, Mr. H. T. Lockyer, Dr. A. A. McRae, Mr. M. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mann, Mr. O. H. Hammond, Mr. G. Winters, Mr. J. E. Wilson, Mr. A. E. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. H. Patterson, Mr. A. Brignall, Mr. A. E. Duke, Mr. A. L. McConnell, Mr. E. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Collins, Miss M. Collins, Mr. W. J. Linton, Mr. W. J. Blaine, Mr. George H. Hemmingsway, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Laidner, Mr. William Mills, Mr. E. L. Stinson, Mr. L. T. Bell, Mr. R. Gale, Mrs. J. S. Jory, Mr. Alfred Bull, Mr. G. Somers, Mr. W. Ellis, Mr. A. Fyson, Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart, Miss Stewart, Mr. Baker, Mr. E. McLaugh, Mr. D. McKinnon, Mr. L. Thomas, Mr. Scott, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. G. H. Davis, Mr. Norman Sawyer, Mr. J. A. Young, Mr. R. Bell-Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. A. E. Jukes.

A pretty wedding was celebrated on Wednesday at residence of the bride's parents, when Miss Mabel L. Wilson was united in marriage to Mr. Fred West, of Duncan. The groom's gift to the bride was a pair of pearl earrings, and to the bridesmaid a pearl amethyst brooch, and to the best man a gold pin. Many handsome presents were received by the happy couple, among them being: The employees of Dixi Ross, a Morocco bound armchair; Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, a plush couch; Mrs. Goryette, a handsome rattan rocker; Miss Edith Pusey, a marble eight-day clock; Miss Florence Pusey, a breakfast, cruet; Mr. Arthur West, a set of silver coffee spoons and sugar tongs; the mother of the bride, house linen; Mr. Wilson,

handsome tapestry table cloth; Mr. and Mrs. Sketch, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jacobs, a silver sugar bowl; J. J. Wilson, Jr., one gold and silver berry spoon; Mr. and Mrs. J. Owens, a silver and oak butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. E. Harris, a berry set; Miss Rita Wilson, a pair of antique vases; Master Cyril Wilson, china tea set; Miss Maude James, fruit dish; Mr. W. Blake, pair of handsome vases; Mr. and Mrs. J. Todd, biscuit jar; Mr. and Mrs. L. Houston, silver and glass pickle jar; Mr. R. E. Boyers, hand-painted berry set; H. Swords, one dozen hand-painted cups and saucers; Mr. Hart, pair silver napkin rings; Mr. and Mrs. H. Simpson, water set; Miss K. Wilson, silver forks, and Mr. Blevault, a Morris chair.

E. J. and Mrs. Palmer, of Chemaluss, are guests at the Empress.

P. F. Rosser, of Greenwood, is at the Empress.

Mr. Justice Murphy, upon his return from Nelson, where he is holding his first court, will take up his residence in Vancouver.

PROTECTING ARM OF LAW TO INTERVENE

No Deer Shooting After 15th inst.—Birds Illegal Game After New Year's—A Review.

After the 15th inst. deer will not be legal game. Pheasants, grouse and quail will step into the same class after New Year's Day. Thus will end a shooting season which has been markedly unsatisfactory to Vancouver Island sportsmen for several seasons.

Let's start with a consideration of the pheasant situation. That bird is plentiful but it's safe to venture the statement, without basing it on any statistics, that fewer have been shot this year than for many, many moons. Why? Simply because the farmers of the two Saanich municipalities, which comprise the greater part of the Sidney peninsula, have taken into their hands the protection of their property against vagrants with guns and incidentally have made the proud and wily ring-necked bird cosy and comfortable—free from the annoyance of small shot, with an abundance of feed to be picked up everywhere round about. No hunters have been allowed to transgress, with a few exceptions, and therefore the pheasant has grown plump on the fat of the land, and while more numerous, and steadily multiplying, not as many have adorned the tables of citizen Nimrods as in past seasons.

And now as to grouse. The variety, known as the "blue," may be wiped off the slate at the outset. A few were shot, but not many, because of the bird's disconcerting habit of retiring to as yet undiscovered haunts early in the year. He doesn't wait around to be potted by the ever vigilant hunter and so doesn't suffer. Then there is the "willow" grouse, the valley and the mountain quail. The three latter species have formed, for the most part, the bulk of the bags brought in to the city from outlying resorts.

It is admitted that the great number of Victoria's sportsmen had to confine their attention to the willow grouse and quail it isn't difficult to show how it is that the season about to close must be termed unsatisfactory. As a matter of fact there appeared to be almost as many hunters as birds. Every Saturday while the good weather continued the weekend trains were crowded. A few, it is true, carried rifles, indicating that their ambition was to land on a deer. But compared to the bird hunters these were so far in the minority as to be scarcely noticeable. The scarcity of the available birds and the constantly increasing force of real and imitation sportsmen, therefore, is one source of dissatisfaction.

In the assertion that among those handling guns there are some "imitation" disciples of the chase is the key-note of another kick, grouse, or, if you wish, the exceedingly proper complaint. More of these pot hunters go out from Victoria every year. As they multiply the danger of the woods to everyone who enjoys an outing is increased. This year there were two accidents of outstanding severity near this city. In the one Constable Fry had a narrow escape from death, and in the other, Mr. Allen lost his eye-sight. When a veteran, in disgusted tones, remarked that it would soon be necessary to wear cowhills while on the trail he largely expressed the sentiment of his fellows. This, the second unsatisfactory feature of the closing season, is thought to be very serious—something that calls for action.

Every one of these difficulties, it is claimed, can be overcome. With respect to Saanich and the pheasants it is suggested that the farmers should organize a game protective association and that that body should allow a restricted number of sportsmen to shoot over their domains on the payment of a stipulated license. In regard to the growing shortage of willow grouse and quail it is the opinion of many that the government should be asked to order a close season on the island for one or two years. And, as for the accidents through carelessness the thoughtful sportsmen opine that it would be beneficial to impose a general license of a nominal sum, thereby keeping out all but those who really enjoy and are accustomed to hunting feathered and big game.

HALF DOZEN GAMES ON TOMORROW'S SLATE

Every Saturday is a red letter day for the soccer devotee these days. Six matches are down for tomorrow. Two of these are between senior elevens and the other four will find second division men in the line. All grounds will be in use, so that those who fancy the sport may take their choice.

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The series are progressing rapidly towards the finish and there is reason to believe that practically all these games will be well contested and of a character to sustain interest throughout.

Sworn in This Morning.

The private and informal ceremony incident to the succession of Hon. T. W. Paterson to the high honors and responsibilities attached to the lieutenant-governorship of British Columbia, resigned by Hon. James Dunsmuir some months ago, will take place in the executive chamber at 11 o'clock this morning. The oath of office will be administered by Mr. Rudolph Boudreau, clerk of the privy council of Canada, who arrived in Victoria for that purpose last evening.

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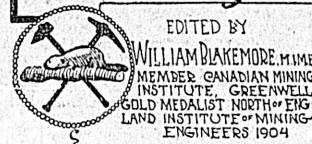
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British Columbia's Mineral Output.

It is rather a curious thing that, while it is pretty generally admitted throughout British Columbia that the principal industry of the province, is the mining industry, very few men, when questioned on the subject, appear to have any adequate or exact idea of that industry's magnitude. Moreover, both on the coast and in the interior, even the daily press of the different towns and camps has comparatively little to say upon this subject outside of vague and general assertion. The development of the fruit industry, the development of the lumber industry, the development of the livestock industry—all these receive columns of comment and the widest possible advertising; but the main features of British Columbia mining, remarkable as they are, receive as a general rule singularly little mention in the direction of giving them that publicity which they deserve, and which, if given, would draw the attention of every investor and capitalist to our enormous mineral wealth, and thereby benefit every man, woman and child residing in the province.

And these particulars are certainly remarkable enough to attract attention anywhere. How many men in British Columbia could tell you today, off-hand, what the average value of British Columbia's mineral output for the past three years has been? It is safe to say that very few could even approximate it. As a matter of fact, British Columbia's mineral output for the years 1906, 1907 and 1908, represent an average annual value of nearly \$25,000,000. And this is in a province whose total white population today is under 250,000 people—less than that of the city of Seattle—of which number probably less than a tenth part are directly engaged in mining. That so limited a population should be producing, from merely one of its many resources, so large a sum yearly as \$25,000,000 is a most startling evidence of the value of that industry, and should be spread far and wide by every newspaper and publicity association in the province. It is a fact which, properly advertised, would attract an enormous amount of capital within our borders—none the less so because these borders with it the other fact that this enormous output of \$25,000,000 yearly value is being taken out of a province whose mineral resources have as yet been hardly more than scratched. Some idea of the true relation in which the mining industry stands to the other wealth-producing industries of British Columbia may be gathered from some figures compiled for the two years 1906 and 1907 of the five principal industries of this province, namely, mining, lumbering, manufacturing, agriculture and fisheries. For the two years named the aggregate value of the production of these five industries reached the enormous total of \$127,000,000. Of

this figure the mineral output alone represented \$51,000,000. Lumber and manufactures came next, though a long way behind, with values of \$23,000,000 each, while the balance was fairly evenly divided between agriculture and fisheries. It will, therefore, be seen that the mining industry more than doubled the value of both the lumbering and manufacturing industries, amounting practically to five-twelfths, or nearly one-half, of the entire aggregate value of the five industries mentioned. According to figures on a similar basis for 1908 and the present year are, of course, not yet obtainable, but enough is known to make it a certainty that not merely will the aggregate for the two years now closing far exceed the figures just given for the previous two years, but also that the mining industry has well maintained its lead in the value of its product.

The statements made in the above paragraphs will be a surprise to very many, and it is not a good thing that such should be the case. They are based on official returns, and can be verified by anyone sufficiently interested to put in an hour or two in the different government departments. They are facts which should be on the tip of the tongue of every man interested in the welfare of this province, whether mining man or not, and he should be prepared to place them at a moment's notice before the stranger within our gates, whether capitalist, investor, manufacturer, or tourist. No country in the world has ever had a more magnificent advertisement ready to its hand than is contained in the simple sentence: "We are less than 250,000 people in British Columbia, but we produce \$25,000,000 a year in minerals alone."

Opening a New Mineral District.

Interesting reports are to hand on the progress of a new enterprise having for its object the opening up and placing in direct railway communication with tide-water and the principal British Columbia coast towns of a district which, while not especially remote in point of mileage, has yet lain for long undeveloped on account of its inaccessibility and lack of transportation facilities due to topographical obstacles. This district is that roughly comprised between the areas lying between the Howe Sound, some thirty-five miles distant by water from Vancouver, and the town of Lillooet with its adjacent section of the lower part of the Cariboo country. This district, which, in addition to a large mineral wealth, has very extensive timber resources, and embraces many thousands of acres of first-class agricultural land, is being opened up by the construction of the Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley & Northern Railway, which is now under construction from the town of Newport, on Howe Sound, about seven miles north of the Britannia mines, actual location of which is already made to Pemberton Meadows, and whose first section will be completed and equipped. It is expected, by the terms of the present motion.

At the highest point on this new line, after it passes through the rich agricultural section known as the Squamish Valley, and with a direct descent to tide-water, lies the mining property known as the Green Lake Mines, comprising a number of rich claims, the principal of which are the London, Royal Edward and Iron Hat. On the first named of these claims is an immense showing of copper ore, the vein running from fifty to three hundred feet in width and containing the whole length of the claim and running some two hundred feet into the Royal Edward. Mr. P. J. Dermody, a practical man of long experience in British Columbia mining, having been foreman in charge of development work on the Granby property for several years, was sent in this fall by the Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley & Northern Railway company to report on these claims, and has done so very favorably. Referring to the ore body above mentioned, and the general prospect of the property, the following extract from his report is of great interest:

"The lode has a northwest and southeast trend, and dips southerly about forty-five degrees. On the south end of the London claim there is a very steep bluff, completely cutting the lode and exposing same to a depth of 200 feet where some idea of dip and also of dimensions of same may be had. All the outcroppings on this lode are on a steep side hill, and have been exposed by continual snow-slides. The lode runs parallel to Fitzsimmons creek, and I should judge that the outcroppings are from 800 to 1,000 feet above the creek. The mountain side is very steep—I should say 50 degrees, or 45 degrees at least—the lode dipping away from the creek into the mountain. There is a fine site for a concentrator on the creek, with an abundance of water for same. There are thousands of tons of ore in sight that it will pay to ship when there is transportation, and thousands more of lower grade that will need to be concentrated before shipping. Nearly all of the rock between the walls show more or less copper and, as in most of large lodes, there are some very rich pockets. Taking it altogether, it is the finest prospect that I have ever seen, and with the abundant water power convenient to it, should be developed very quickly and cheaply. There is an abundance of timber on the claims for mining purposes for years, and ore enough in sight to satisfy the most fastidious, and I think it will grade well as most copper ores of British Columbia."

The railway company, upon receipt of this report, let a contract at once for driving a test tunnel and sent a large and fully equipped party with supplies sufficient to carry on the work throughout the winter. Word was received early this present week from the scene of operations to the effect that another tunnel had already been driven a considerable distance, and that the work already been encountered, and it is obvious that the coming year will see the Green Lake mines standing well to the front among the many likely coast mineral properties which are now engaging the attention of capital.

In addition to this particular group of mines, the construction of this new railway already had a marked effect in stimulating mining activity throughout the entire area of what may be called the Southern Lillooet country, and preparations are being made for further development work on several valuable claims on McGillivray creek and Anderson lake. As a matter of fact, the construction of this railway, when completed, will result in placing this district, so wealthy in mining, timber, and agricultural resources, within six hours of the city of Vancouver. The enterprise is one more evidence of the rapid development of the mineral wealth

of the coast section of British Columbia which is now taking place, and the satisfactory results of which have already made it a certainty that the progress of the next two or three years will place the coast mining camps, as ore-producers, well abreast of the oldest and most developed camps of the interior.

The Trail Smelter.

Some remarkable figures are to hand showing the gratifying increase in the output of the smelter of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting company at Trail. During the three months ending on the 30th September last, comprising the first quarter of the company's fiscal year, the smelter's output was \$1,648,582, while the results for October total \$1,755,565, making the output of the smelter for the four months \$6,881,447, an amount largely exceeding that of the corresponding month of last year. The returns for November are not yet to hand, but it is estimated that the total for the twelve months ending December 31st next, calculated on the same basis, should be close to \$6,000,000, even if it does not reach that amount. This will be the largest return from the smelter for any year since it commenced operations. For purposes of comparison, it may be remarked here that the company's year ends on the 30th of June, and for the last year ending on that date the output of the smelter was the largest in its history, being \$5,506,000.

THUNDERER'S PLANS IN THE DOMINION

J. S. Willison, Formerly of Globe, to Head Staff in Canada.

Advices from Toronto to the effect that J. S. Willison, for many years editor-in-chief of the Toronto Globe and latterly at the head of the editorial staff of The News, left yesterday for London, England, to consult with Lord Northcliffe have given rise to a wave of conjecture throughout the entire journalistic economy of Canada.

Few Canadian journalists have a firmer grasp of Canadian-British affairs than Mr. Willison has gained by long experience; his ability as a writer and speaker has been tested many times and his capacity for clarity of thought and visualizing elusive significances is known. The full meaning of his trip has not been disclosed but very good observers of the passing journalistic show in this country have concluded that he will return with an announcement that will make a marked difference in Canadian newspaper work.

Lord Northcliffe, on his recent tour of Canada, quietly made many observations of the nature of which would suggest that he had in his mind the germ of a vast newspaper scheme affecting the entire empire. The alacrity with which he agreed to a proposal to serve as the chief motive behind the Canadian news through the medium of his great London-centred universal news-gathering force gave color to this belief and incidents that have transpired since then add greater color.

The announcement of Mr. Willison's departure for England, while it was generally unexpected, was obviously the result of a hasty decision. Mr. Willison gave out that he would be absent about six weeks. This together with the hour of his going makes it plain that his arrival in England will be an occasion for rejoicing on the part of the tariff-reformers. It is the chief motive behind the Canadian news through the medium of his great London-centred universal news-gathering force gave color to this belief and incidents that have transpired since then add greater color.

However, there are those who do not believe that the chief motive behind Mr. Willison's trip is connected with the impending campaign. Mr. Willison has been, for many years, the Toronto correspondent of the London Times. It is declared now that he will consult with Lord Northcliffe, at the latter's bidding, in regard to a thorough reorganization of the colonial, and perhaps the imperial, scheme of that paper. It may be that he will remain in London and direct, from that centre, the colonial policy of the paper. Or, as the Toronto World suggests, he may return to Canada as The Times' ambassador with increased powers, even to dismiss, to supersede and employ.

At the present time Fred Cook, of Ottawa, is at the head of The Times in Canada. Fred Cook is looked upon as far-and-away the best news-gatherer at the Capital but if Mr. Willison is to be a higher standing under Lord Northcliffe no doubt general changes will be made upon his return. The impression has gained headway that Mr. Willison's departure to talk things over with Northcliffe is the first step in a great empire newspaper scheme that the latter formulated on his recent tour of this country, the depth, height and breadth of which may only be surmised.

Reformer May Return.

A report is current at Peking, according to news brought by the Kaga Maru that an amnesty will be offered Kang Yu Wei, the exiled reformer, and he will be invited to return to Peking.

A Harsher Policy.

Chinese newspapers fear that the death of Prince Ito will result in a changed policy by Japan to China owing to the military party being brought to power with the passing of Ito as head of the civil party, according to advices brought by the steamer Kaga Maru today. The Peking Times says that while Ito refrained from making striking coups to boost his personal ambitions his successors will likely not do so, and China may suffer in consequence.

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RETURN OF INSANE JAPANESE

Sending of Nipponese Lunatics Back From Westminster Arouses Protests

Some Japanese newspapers protest regarding the sending of a number of Japanese lunatics back from Canada, according to news brought by the Kaga Maru, which arrived yesterday. The Tokyo Asahi says: "In connection with a number of Japanese lunatics sent back from Canada by the British steamer Montague, which arrived at Yokohama on November 14, as a result of an investigation it was found that twelve Japanese lunatics were admitted to the lunatic asylum in New Westminster, Canada, of whom eleven were recently sent back. Of those sent back ten Japanese were nearly recovered while only one of them was in rather bad condition, though the physician of the asylum was confident of the safety of his life. Of these ten men, four were placed on the farm belonging to the asylum, and, therefore, the commissioner had failed to meet them. He had, however, met six others who announced that they would not be sent back home. The physicians of the asylum had, nevertheless, taken steps to send them back under the pretext that the patients had expressed their desire to that effect. Under the Canadian laws the local authorities have no power to send back the Japanese residents without by the force of the law, and there is no reason why any residents, even if they may be lunatics, should be sent home, provided they have been residents in Canada for two years. Intense indignation is aroused amongst the Japanese residents at the action of the Canadian authorities in forcibly sending these



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The new wagon has a hose capacity of 1,500 feet and it displaces the old hose carriage which carried only 1,000 feet. It was built under the supervision of Fire Chief Davis and it is modelled after the Toronto wagons with the exception of rubber tires which were not considered necessary here. It will be pulled by "Paddy" and "Togo," the big team that formerly hauled the hose carriage and the hose

carriage will be kept in the old fire hall on Pandora street for emergency use.

The new wagon was three months in building. It entailed an immense amount of work and its appearance reflects great credit on the local builder in that it is the equal if not the superior of eastern-built fire wagons. The wheels alone were not built here. They were constructed by specialists at Lawrence, Mass. They are roller bearing and cost in themselves \$200.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Breach of Trust.

Sir—The above heading speaks for itself and it is strange how slow the public is to realize that they are losing their rights in and perhaps for ever, by not at once putting a stop to the above breach. I refer to Beacon Hill Park, of which much has of late been written, but as far as I can see, without anything being accomplished, against the inroads made on the old park. On walking through the park this morning I came across a man scribbling up some very ornamental broom bushes where I may say they are very scarce at this particular place. He informed me they were being cleared away for some hockey club. Now, by whose authority is this being done? It certainly looks to me like a very great breach of trust, soon the park will consist of nothing but clubs. I would suggest a park protection society who would engage an attorney to take out injunctions against all those infringing upon the old trusts of said park. The cost would be small and would protect the people's rights to the old park for all time.

RICHMOND STURDY.

But How About Wheat?

Sir—You print a little item on the editorial page of today's issue in which you compare the duty-free admission of cotton from the States with the light tax levied on Canadian wheat, under Mr. Chamberlain's plan of tariff reform, and you conclude your economic extravaganza with a little sarcastic finale on Imperialism. To quote your own words (comparing above-mentioned American cotton and Canadian wheat): "This does not seem quite as 'imperial' an arrangement as was expected."

This comparison is absurd and shows a most remarkable ignorance of political economics. The prosperity of many an English county is based on the manufacture of cotton; we import raw cotton to the value of about \$280,000,000, and re-export manufactured cotton to the value of about \$500,000,000 a year. If we should tax cotton, we would have no money wherewith to purchase either colonial or foreign wheat.

Finally it does not affect Canada in the least if we tax cotton or not. As soon as Canada grows and exports cotton there will be time to speak of a preference in the admission of such Canadian cotton. But you will have to change your climatic conditions first, and even the well-known superiority of the Canadian cereal quality over the English and Scots home-grown article will not be able to accomplish such a natural phenomenon.

H. M. de ROHAN McKERR-KASTAN.

The Labor Question.

Sir—With reference to Mr. Clive Phillips-Wolley's letter of the 11th inst., relative to the scarcity of domestic and skilled labor, and your leader thereon, admitting the evil and suggesting co-operation on the part of those affected, I beg to offer the following remarks and recommendations as to the line of action to be taken by those seeking to solve the problem.

1. Aim to get the tax removed from the Chinaman. It really amounts to a tax on the employer, and not on the Chinaman. This taxation has not stopped the Chinaman coming in, and I think that any fair-minded man will admit that it has missed its mark, and its incidence is unjust.

2. Bring this to the notice of the Provincial government with suggestions as to bringing in indentured Chinese for domestic and farm labor, labor which Canadians won't do.

3. As an alternative, suggest a scheme for the government to start an active immigration policy in the mother country or countries in northern Europe with a view to obtaining this class of labor, and assisting it with passages, such immigrants to be brought via the Mexican (Tehuantepec) canal direct to British Columbia and so obviate the chances of their being absorbed as usual by the eastern and central provinces.

As regards Lord Dundonald's suggestion for sending out old soldiers, I think that they would be a valuable asset to any country, especially to one almost innocent of a fighting force, but I question whether their past training would fit them for either domestic or farm work.

At the recent elections the present government promised progress and prosperity to the province if returned to power, and I do not think it can possibly shut its eyes to this vital question which is throttling both.

Co-operation, as you say, can do a great deal, and I hope that all effected by this evil will combine in protesting—men by their votes and women by their influence—till this flagrant wrong is righted.

C. MOSS, (Major).

Cowichan Station, 7th December, 1909.

The Labor Question.

Sir—Mr. Phillips-Wolley in his recent letter refers to "Lord Dundonald, who deplores the untaxed importation of foreigners into England to eat up the children's bread by taking their employment, and he advocates the importation into Canada of British subjects to do the work we want done. He lays special stress upon the employment of old soldiers."

Why should we be in such a hurry to develop the resources of this country if after doing so we will have to beg some other less developed country

to enable our workers to earn food on which to subsist? How can we blame our boy for not entering the army when in return for his loyalty and wasted energy he is to be shuffled off in his old age to lower the standard of living of our workers in another section of the empire?

Mr. Wolley's friend with a \$5,000 annual income, is surely indebted to his friend for his endeavor to induce the government to enact legislation that will compel the laboring classes here to work for his wealthy friend at a wage insufficient to enable them to maintain a reasonable standard of living but what good purpose would such a man serve to the "farmers, grocers, plumbers, paper-hangers, carpenters" and all such people who would expect special legislation to enable them to pile up their income? Is the wife of the humblest laborer here not as much to him as the wife of any of your correspondent's wealthy friends in other lands?

The letters of both Mr. Wolley and Mr. Dupont are good, inasmuch as they supply much food for thought and healthy discussion.

In your issue of Sunday, Mr. Dupont reasons fairly up to a point but throughout the letters of both writers starvation is within measurable distance. Mr. Hill means the class to which he belongs. The great mass in densely populated places, have already reached that point. Not because the earth cannot yield sufficient but because the socialized productive power today can with a fraction of the people, produce everything that can consume and fourfolds more than the producer can buy back with the exchange medium he has received for his power expended.

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Imperial Union.

Sir—Might I suggest the only suitable course that can be taken to solve the great problem of uniting our Empire, at least to some extent? The relations between the component parts of the Empire have now got to a very critical stage. It has to be decided very soon whether we are to have a united empire and one army and one navy, or whether our dominions are to drift ultimately into absolute independence.

Sentiment would be a very poor cement to hold together either Canada or the U. S. A. Then why should it be good enough for the greatest Empire the world has ever seen, especially as so many foreigners are emigrating annually into this country? I quite agree that a certain amount of autonomy is essential to the welfare of the colonies, but not absolute autonomy in everything. The whole is greater than the part. The Empire is greater than either Canada or the United Kingdom—the voice and will of the Empire will always have more power than that of any single dominion or the Mother Country.

It is impossible to have an Empire parliament able to control the whole fabric in every particular. The United Kingdom, or Australia, or South Africa can never make a tariff suitable for Canada, or vice versa. Such a representation ought to be formed that in future if we have a war, the Empire shall declare that bellicose state, and not the United Kingdom as at present.

A permanent Empire Council should be formed immediately, and all countries contributing should be represented thereon. This council should decide the requirements for the defence of the Empire, and should also decide the proportion each local government should contribute annually to this general fund. The navy and regular army should be controlled by this council, and naval colleges and naval shipbuilding yards should be established throughout the Empire by this council. It could easily be stipulated that this council should spend a certain amount in each country, according to contribution from that source. The territorial and volunteer regiments should be controlled by the local governments, also postoffices, education, railways, canals, etc. All fortifications should be controlled and manned by the council of the Empire.

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try that those men will not go to the root but after all, are building wiser than they know.

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Dated at Victoria, this 22nd day of November, 1909.
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Of Davie Chambers, No. 545, Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executor.

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try to learn the trade would be impossible. Canada has everything to gain if she adopts a plan of closer union with the Empire, and everything to lose if she follows the present policy of isolation.

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Clerk, Legislative Assembly,
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Dated this 8th day of December, 1909.

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On the Waterfront

KAGA COMES ON LAST TRIP

Will Be Replaced on Her Return By a Liner From the European Route

PHOTOGRAPH BRIDES AMONG PASSENGERS

Big Shipment of Japanese Oranges Arrives—Liner Had a Rough Passage

The Kaga Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, reached port yesterday morning on her last visit inward, for on her return to Japan the Japanese liner is to be placed on the European route and the steamer Inaba Maru will take her place. The steamer Shihano Maru, which had a very rough passage homeward, has been replaced by one of the steamers from the European line. She left Hongkong on Wednesday for Japanese ports. The Shihano Maru was swept by heavy seas, some of her staterooms being flooded and the boatswain was washed along the deck by a heavy sea, being almost taken overboard.

Brought Many Oranges
Oranges—the small orange from Japan—formed the biggest shipment in the 2,559 tons of general cargo brought by the Kaga Maru, which had a rough trip across the Pacific, heavy gales having buffeted the steamer for five days after she left Japan and for three days before her arrival when she plunged into heavy confused seas, often flooding her decks. The passenger list was brief. There was but one in the saloon, twelve second class and 42 steerage, of whom 2 Chinese and 6 Japanese, including a Vancouver merchant, embarked here. There were a number of Japanese women, mostly expectant brides, among the passengers for Seattle. Some of these were the brides of photograph marriages, being linked to the photograph by a line they had never seen in life before leaving Japan, and until the groom of the photograph appears before the immigration officials at Seattle they may not land. The lone saloon passenger was H. Longwell, a Swiss returning home after a residence covering some years in Japan. Other passengers included S. Ogawa, a Japanese merchant and his son, born in Vancouver; while for Seattle there was Dr. W. Jennings, J. F. Schroeder, a seaman from U. S. S. Galveston, C. Fujii and wife, I. Matsui, K. Yoshida, H. Fukumoto and wife, Mrs. Yamanaka and child. There were 24 Japanese, 1 Chinese and 1 Hindu in the steerage for Seattle.

The cargo brought by the Kaga Maru was as follows: Silk goods and raw silk, 820 bales; matting, 3,399 rolls; rice, 2,330 mats; tea, 1,526 cases; wool, 5 cases; straw braid, 350 cases; plants, 672 cases; camphor, 1,435 cases; porcelain, 725; cinnamon, 35 cases; vegetables, 217 tubs; bamboo, 929 bundles; soy, 1,343 tubs; miso, 254 tubs; oranges, 4,558 cases; chilis, 125 cases; matches, 5 cases; pickles, 501 tubs; linen goods, 67 cases, and 902 cases of general merchandise. A total for Seattle of 21,246 packages of 2,086 tons.

The cargo discharged at the outer wharf consisted of 473 tons, made up of 7,766 cases of oranges, 2,326 cases of rice; 349 tubs of pickles; 205 tubs of sake; 807 tons of soy and miso; 500 bags of sulphur; 100 bags of sugar, and 693 packages of general merchandise.

THE TALE THE MARINE TOLD

Says Work of Benevolent Assimilation in Philippines is Done With Rifle.

When the Kaga Maru came to port yesterday morning with J. P. Schroeder, a marine on board, he had a tale to tell—a tale of the marines. Schroeder comes from the U. S. S. Galveston and he said he had spent four years in the Philippines. As he tells the story there are stirring things happening in the far eastern islands groups, and on the southern islands where "the lesser breeds without the law" have their home there is much slaughter.

"You never hear of what is going on there," he said, "for the censorship is strong. Take it from me, though, the Filipino hasn't got a chance. Parties of marines are sent ashore and they go to kill. There are not many rebels left after they come back to the ship. You know what a good Indian is, well, they make good rebels, those marines. "The natives are not armed to speak of, though they have some rifles. Whenever an American is killed, the killing is usually to get his rifle. You can easily see whether a native has been implicated in a killing, the possession of a rifle is considered direct evidence, and usually there is a black spot on the brown body of the native at his thigh, for they mostly fire a rifle from the thigh.

"But the marines are pacifying the Filipinos; take it from me, they're sure pacifying those Filipinos."

THE REWARD OF BRAVERY IN JAPAN

Girl Lost Life Trying to Put Out Fire—Family Awarded Five Dollars.

The Orient is the place for gratitude. The steamer Kaga Maru, which arrived yesterday, brought news of how heroism was rewarded in connection with a fire in a match factory in Okinawa, Ibo district. Some adult took fire and the girls ran from the factory with the exception of Kitayama, a young girl, who tried to extinguish the fire. The flames spread quickly, her clothing took fire, and she was burned to death, but owing to her

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

By Government Wireless

Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a southeast gale. Bar. 29.11, temp. 42. Sea rough.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a southeast wind. Bar. 29.17, temp. 40.

Tatooish, 8 a.m.—Light rain; 80-mile gale from southeast. Bar. 29.22, temp. 40. Sea rough.

In, Eureka at 8 a.m.

Stevan, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, easterly gale. Bar. 29.04, temp. 45. Sea rough.

Pachena, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, an easterly gale. Bar. 29.03, temp. 45. Sea rough.

Cape Lazo, noon—Raining, a southeast gale. Bar. 29.15, temp. 43. Sea rough. Jefferson north-bound, at 11.50 a.m.

Point Grey, noon—Cloudy, a southwest wind. Bar. 29.23, temp. 45.

Tatooish, noon—Cloudy, gale from northeast, 41 miles. Bar. 29.24, temp. 42.

Pachena, noon—Raining, gale from southeast. Bar. 29.02, temp. 42. Sea rough.

Estevan, noon—Raining, gale from southeast, and increasing. Bar. 29.04, temp. 41. Sea rough.

Tatooish, 6 p.m.—Light rain, a southeast wind. Bar. 29.93, temp. 45. Sea rough. No shipping.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, a southeast wind. Heavy gale. Sea rough. Steamer Newington at Hamfield.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, a southeast wind. Bar. 29.93, temp. 34. Sea moderate. No shipping.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Southeasterly gale. Bar. 29.98, temp. 45. Sea moderate. No shipping.

efforts the fire was stayed and caused damage amounting to but \$20.

The factory owners knew how to reward bravery, though.

A Kobe newspaper says: The Riosul Match Factory has presented her family with the sum of 10 yen (\$5) in recognition of her bravery."

CHOPPED ICE TO AVOID SINKING

Launch Hegg Had Arduous Time During Storm Encountered in Lynn Canal.

SKAGWAY, Dec. 9.—Weighted low in the water by ice, the fifty-foot gasoline launch Hegg reached Skagway at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon after battling a terrific sea in the Lynn canal for twenty-eight hours while traversing the eighteen miles between Haines and Skagway. The four men on board were prostrated by the hardships of the trip.

The Hegg left Haines at 9 o'clock yesterday morning with mail. Late in the evening she had only made eleven miles and twice was nearly dashed against the precipitous shores of the canal. Progress in the dark was impossible and the Hegg anchored in a small cove. She was so coated with ice that it had to be chopped off to keep her afloat. During the night the vessel dragged her anchors and almost went ashore.

STEAMERS BUFFETED IN RECENT GALES

Setos Had Decks Continually Awash—Wellington Had to Put to Sea—Justin Broke Shaft.

The German steamer Setos of the Kosmos line which has arrived at Seattle from Hamburg and South America via San Francisco, being light when coming north ran into a heavy storm on Monday night. It was the same Northerly gale which practically lighted the Setos offered a splendid target for the gale, and made slow progress. Her decks were continually awash, and as she plowed ahead first into the giant seas her whole fabric shook as her wheel raced free of the water stern. Her cargo shifted and some of it got loose and rolled around the hold, but little damage was done.

The steamer Wellington from Lady-smith to San Francisco with coal, ran into a hurricane off the Golden Gate on Saturday night. Capt. Cutler had to turn the vessel's head to sea, and it was late on Sunday afternoon before the vessel reached port.

The steam collier Tusten of the U. S. naval service, broke her tail shaft during the gale of Wednesday and after lying helpless all night was towed into San Francisco by the steam collier Yellowstone.

BESSIE DOLLAR IS COMING WITH SULPHUR

Has 800 Tons of Cargo From North Japan to Be Discharged at This Port.

The steamer Bessie Dollar, Capt. Alexander Gow, which has arrived at San Francisco from the Orient with a large cargo of oriental produce has on board 800 tons of sulphur for this port. For San Francisco she had 1,000 tons of general cargo, 2,150 tons of sulphur and 300,000 feet of oak logs.

The Bessie Dollar left Hongkong October 5 and called at Kobe, Yokohama, Hakodate, Mororan and Kushiro. For a week of the voyage across, heavy easterly winds prevailed, increasing at times into a strong gale with a heavy head sea.

Azteco Coming.

The steamer Azteco, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company is coming from San Francisco to load coal at Nanaimo. The steamer returned to the Bay city from Panama a few days ago, encountering very heavy weather.

To Enter New Field.

Advices were brought by the steamer Kaga Maru that investigations have been started by the Japanese communications department with a view to granting a subsidy for a line of Japanese steamers to run to Hongkong, India, Siam, Strait Settlements and Java. It is expected a line will shortly be established.

MOVING PICTURE OF ASSASSINATION

Will Be Used For First Time When Ito's Murderer is on Trial

A moving picture of the assassination of Prince Ito at Harbin is to be used at the trial of the Korean assassin, according to advices brought by the steamer Kaga Maru, which reached port yesterday morning. When Prince Ito was meeting M. Kokovtsov, a Russian minister of finance, a Russian cinematograph photographer had prepared to take moving pictures of the meeting and took the scenes attendant upon the assassination of Prince Ito. When the Japanese officials learned that the pictures of the tragedy were successful, they took steps to secure a film, 500 feet long, and this will be shown in court at the trial of the assassin. Mr. Tanomogi, of the Japanese press agency of Tokyo, has bought a set of the films, comprising scenes of the assassination and these will be exhibited in Japan.

CONSIDER BARLEY CARGOES DANGEROUS

Fate of Matterhorn and Brodick Castle May Lead to Protest From Underwriters.

TACOMA, Dec. 9.—In view of the fact that the barley cargo of the lost Irish bark Matterhorn reached Skagway, the Columbia river, it is likely that the loss of the vessel will lead to a protest from the underwriters against all barley cargoes for sailing vessels. It is understood that the question is one which will be taken up in the near future and a ban on all barley cargoes is expected to result. "There was nothing wrong with the manner in which the cargo of the Matterhorn was stowed," said Capt. R. L. Salter of the ill-fated vessel to the Ledger yesterday. "I kept close watch on the ship as the cargo was going into the hold and I know that it could not have been better done. The surveyor at Portland said to me before I left that port: 'Well, captain, the Matterhorn has the best stowed barley cargo that has ever gone from the Columbia river.' In spite of this however, it was the shifting of the cargo which caused the ship to founder."

Barley is such a light cargo that it is impossible to get a vessel down to her marks when an all-barley cargo is taken, and as it is a loose grain, the danger of shifting is always present. The British ship Brodick Castle, which left Portland a little more than a year ago has never been heard from since, carried a cargo of barley it is generally believed that her fate was similar to that of the Matterhorn. With these two ships, carrying carefully stowed cargoes, for an example, the underwriters will have some foundation on which to base their objections. The Brodick Castle was commanded by Captain Taylor, who had announced his intention of retiring from the sea at the end of the voyage.

"I believe that an all-barley cargo is exceedingly dangerous," said a retired master mariner yesterday, "but I do not know it is necessary to insist on a part cargo of wheat. I say that I believe an all-barley cargo is dangerous, this is not exactly what I mean, for if the cargo was differently stowed I think it would be safe. Stowed as wheat, in bags, I think it is dangerous, but in every way the same as bulk cargo and then, with the added protection of shifting boards entirely through the cargo, it would stand a storm at sea without shifting. No matter how well stowed barley is in the hold, there is danger of shifting, with the present method of loading."

MAY SPEND ANOTHER YEAR IN IDLENESS

Grain Season Almost at an End—Disengaged Tonnage Likely to Remain Idle.

The British bark Hallowood, which has spent over a year in idleness at Esquimalt, together with the Haddon Hall at Vancouver, Senator, Stronsa, and the Monarch, at Cliburn, are likely to have to remain idle for another season. The grain charters hereafter offered will be few. The San Francisco Commercial News, in discussing the charters, says: "Grain rates per sailing ship from the Pacific Coast to the United Kingdom are weak and a reduction in the union minimum is expected by exporters. Last year the union rate was discontinued for several months owing to the dilapidated condition of the market, and vessels in the union were permitted to take what they could get. Conditions now are somewhat similar to those prevailing last year and it is practically impossible for shippers to pay the union rate. The latest business was a re-charter at 24s. 6d., a reduction of 3s. from the union figure. With the expectations of a relief from the stringent rules of the union it is not likely that there will be any fixing of grain vessels until after the new year."

"The offshore lumber business has picked up considerably of late, but the ample supply of idle tonnage makes any improvement in rates impossible. Recently, Puget Sound to Brisbane (sail) has been done at 34s., Portland to Cape Town (sail) at 55s., Puget Sound to New York (sail) at private terms, which are somewhat better than the last previous business of the same kind, and Puget Sound to Port Pirie (steam) on time at 2s. 3d. on d. w."

"Offshore lumber rates are quoted as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound of British Columbia to Sydney, 31s. 3d.; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 32s. 6d.; Port Pirie, 33s. 9d.; to Fremantle, 36s. 3d.; to Japan ports (steamers), 30s. 6d. 31s. 3d.; Callao, 28s. 9d.; direct, 24s. 6d.; 40s. 42s. 6d.; Valparaiso, for orders, 40s. 42s. 6d.; with 2d. less to direct ports; to South African ports, 52s. 6d.; Guaya-

mas, 55s.; Mazatlan, 55s. 50s. 25s.; Santa Raula, 55s.; Honolulu, 55s.

"In general chartering Norfolk to San Francisco (sail) at 18s., with the option of Portland or Puget Sound at 16s.; Sydney to U. K., wheat, has been done at 28s.; South Australia at the same rate; Fremantle at 22s. 6d., and Melbourne at 24s. Nitrate freight is easier, 16s. 6d. spot and 15s. 15s. 6d. later loadings."

OFFICER OF BELLE OF SPAIN INSANE

Third Mate Tried Suicide With Boot Laces—Was Brought to Asylum by St. Denis

The steamer St. Denis of the Boscowitz Steamship Company reached port last night from Prince Rupert, Naas and way ports after a stormy trip. She reached Vancouver on Wednesday night and discharged lumber and salmon from the north. News was brought by the St. Denis from Prince Rupert that Percy Randolph McKinnon, third officer of the steam freighter Belle of Spain which brought a cargo of rails to the northern port at Kamloops, had tried to strangle himself with his shoe laces. He is believed to be insane. When found endeavoring to choke himself to death by knotting the leather things about his neck he gave the laces up readily, stating that he had reconsidered and wanted to live in order to see his mother. He was brought from Prince Rupert on the St. Denis and sent to the asylum at New Westminster.

THUMB-NAIL SKETCHES OF FLOATING CELEBRITIES

The Chief Steward.

"The bottle of anti-fall which I took with me on a voyage offering when I went to interview the Chief Steward of the R.M.S. Epicurean was indignantly refused by that functionary. "My lad," he said, in the rich, deep voice of the man who does himself well about five times a day, "if you want me to lose my berth? This" patting the swelling upland which lay along his equator—"is my certificate! Passengers when they see it, know that all's well aboard the Epicurean."

"Is it real?" I enquired, prodding it with an extended second finger. "Abso-bally-lutely," replied the Chief Steward, with a proudly complacent smile.

"It must have cost a dickens of a lot of money," I said, stepping back a step or two, in order to get a light on it at a different angle.

"That's so," agreed the Chief Steward, "but its worth thousands as an advertisement. If you'll believe me," he continued, sinking his voice to an oleaginous whisper, "I've often had intending travellers follow me for miles in order to see what ship I belong to."

"Ha, ha!" I laughed politely.

"Ho, ho!" rumbled the Chief Steward, quivering like an agitated blanch-mange. "And now," he went on, pointing his finger on an electric bell-push, "you'll have a nip of something to keep the cold out. What shall it be? Whiskey?"

"Whiskey," I told him would suit me admirably.

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SOLVES MYSTERY OF BRODICK CASTLE

Matterhorn's Fate Explains Fate of a Sailer Which Was Never Heard From With Barley Cargo.

"The foundering of the Matterhorn explains without leaving much room for doubt what happened to the Brodick Castle," said Capt. R. L. Salter, master of the wrecked bark Matterhorn yesterday.

The fate of the Brodick Castle has been one of the recent mysteries of the sea, starting in the Columbia river and ending, no one knows where. One year ago, December 5, the British ship Brodick Castle, Capt. Olsen, sailed from Astoria. The vessel was loaded with barley like the Matterhorn and was bound for Ipswich, the same destination as that of the bark which went down last week. A day after the Brodick Castle sailed a storm similar in severity to that which keeled over the Matterhorn occurred and the vessel was never sighted after she put to sea and has been posted as missing at Lloyds.

"It was the storm that shifted the Brodick Castle's cargo the same as it did ours," said Capt. Salter. "Barley doesn't pack like wheat. It's got a long beard on it and slips around, being slippery anyway. In time, of course, with the motion of the ship it would settle down but when a vessel is subjected to weather like that, fresh from port she hasn't a chance. The pounding of ordinary weather would help to settle the barley cargo when it would be perfectly safe. This experience shows conclusively that a lot of settling is needed for barley cargo. If we had enjoyed good weather for a few weeks out and our cargo had settled we could have made the storms at Cape Horn safely, as has been the experience with other ships that did not strike heavy weather immediately on going out."

Takes Canadian Exhibit.

The German steamer Setos of the Kosmos line, now loading at Seattle will take the Canadian exhibit at the Alaska Yukon Pacific exposition to Antwerp for exhibition in Europe. The Setos will proceed to Nanaimo to coal after taking on her cargo.

Japan Training Chinese.

Japan has agreed to train naval cadets for China, according to advices brought by the Kaga Maru. A number of Chinese have been admitted to the Naval Gunnery school

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PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS



Telegraphic communication has been established with Princeton.

Receipts for the inland revenue department, Nelson, totaled \$2,735 for November.

Preliminary arrangements are already being made for the meeting at Vancouver, next September, of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Judge Melnes of Vancouver has quashed the conviction of a Chinaman named Sam, convicted some time ago of conducting a gambling house.

Vancouver ratepayers will on January 15 vote on a series of bylaws, authorizing new loans aggregating \$1,516,000.

New Westminster is urging with emphasis its superior claims over the city of Vancouver as a prospective national port.

The total assessed value of property in Vancouver next year will be \$100,000,000, according to official figures prepared by the city tax commissioner.

The King's Daughters, of Cowichan, held a very successful sale of work at Duncan on Saturday last. The funds raised by the bazaar will be dispensed in Christmas charities.

A cadet corps has been formed in Nelson, with an initial membership of twenty-five. The corps will be known as A Company, 102nd Rocky Mountain Rangers Light Corps.

Miss Laura Lavery, of New Westminster, had her ankle badly sprained and crushed a few days ago, she being the fifth victim since the coasting season in the Royal City began.

Eastern British Columbia will be divided next spring into Sunday school districts, in order to promote greater interest in teaching, training classes, institutes and Sunday school work generally.

Stuart Henderson of Yale has announced his intention not to concern himself further with politics for the present at least. Law and his mining investments will hereafter receive his undivided attention.

The new embarkment over the Cowichan, completed last summer, has been found to stand well the supreme test afforded by the recent floods. The water rose to within a few inches of the top, and the engineer in charge is receiving many congratulations upon the solidity of the work.

The city council of Vancouver has endorsed the request of the promoters of the bridge across the Second Narrows for Federal assistance, on the ground that the projected work is one for the general advantage of the Dominion.

Indications are that the women voters of New Westminster, qualified as property owners or householders, will this year take full advantage of their franchise opportunities. They are holding a second meeting tonight to decide upon a plan of campaign.

Advantage has been taken of the present high water by the Cowichan Lumber Co. to float their logs from the lake to the sea, which has been accomplished with a small percentage of

loss. Jams formed occasionally, as a matter of course, but these were broken with comparatively little difficulty.

Madame Huise, proprietress of a Vancouver hotel, both establishment, is at the general hospital in the Terminal City, with a fractured skull. Alarmed by a fire call, and smelling smoke, she jumped in her excitement from a second storey window. Fatal results are not improbable.

Work on the new Custom House at Revelstoke will begin in the spring. A preliminary sum of \$10,000 has been voted, and tenders will be invited about the first of May. The estimate also includes \$1,500 for replacing the telephone poles and repairs on the Golden-Whidmore line, and \$14,000 for improvements to the Columbia river.

A fine specimen of golden eagle with a spread of six feet from tip to tip was shot at Taglum last week by a resident rancher. The big bird had swooped down upon a chicken, and, rising with its prey, became entangled in a barbed wire fence. The rancher thereupon gave it a load of shot, and subsequently clubbed it over the head until signs of life were extinct. It was presumed the eagle died of heart failure.

Decapitated By Tram Car. Douglas "Gavin," a little lad of eight, was accidentally decapitated by a car on the Westminster avenue line of the British Columbia Electric Railway Co. The little chap was on his way home from school yesterday afternoon. The little car was in front of the car. Before it could be brought to a standstill the tragedy had been consummated. Why the trolley failed to work with form part of the inquiry of the coroner's jury that will investigate the accident today.

Gets Verdict For \$8,000. The special jury in the suit of Richard G. Morton against the B. C. Electric Railway Co., at Vancouver, yesterday returned a verdict assessing the damages awarded the plaintiff at \$8,000. L. G. McPhillips, K. C., who for the defendant company, renewed a motion for a non-suit, argument upon which motion takes place today. Morton lost both feet as a result of an accident on September 4 last, for which the company was by the jury held responsible, after an hour's deliberation.

Jail Is Not Needed. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, member-elect for Nanaimo, is publicly opposing the petition of the Nanaimo Citizens' League to the government for the reopening of the Provincial jail at the Coal City, closed at the original suggestion and request of Mr. Hawthornthwaite. He declares in an open letter, "was simply a useless graft upon the provincial treasury, and further, was built as a threat to the miners of Nanaimo and Wellington." Instead of the jail being opened, Mr. Hawthornthwaite hopes to see it adapted and opened as a home for the aged and incapable.

Headlight Was Defective. The inquest opened at New Westminster on Tuesday into all circumstances in connection with the train wreck on the Great Northern last Sunday week, in which twenty-two Japanese lost their lives has already developed evidence to the effect that the defective engine had a defective headlight, through which the driver was prevented from seeing ahead, the accident resulting. An engineer and fireman have yet to tell their stories, as also the traveller who was on the ill-fated train. Several officials of the railway will also be brought before the jury, and train orders and other incidental documents have been ordered. The inquest has been adjourned until Thursday next, by which time it is believed that Driver Beutiger will be able to leave the hospital.

Again the Hold-up Man. The city police of Nanaimo are on the special look-out for a slightly built young man, who, shortly after 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, according to the "Free Press," held-up Ed. Hankins and compelled him to hand over his cash, some \$7.50 in all. Hankins, a member of the crew of the steamer Squid, was walking along Comox Road in the direction of the city, and when nearing the Newcastle House was confronted by a man who suddenly stuck the muzzle of a revolver into his face at the same time calling out "Hands up." Hankins was not slow to comply and made no protest when the holdup man went through his pockets and took all his money, afterwards making his escape. Hankins reported the affair to the police who have a clue in the matter but as yet have not made an arrest.

B.C. FORESTRY COMMISSION

Is Now Touring Eastern Provinces and States Prior to Completion of Final Report.

For the purpose of collecting information on the subject of the preservation of forests in Ontario, Mr. F. J. Fulton, late commissioner of crown lands for British Columbia; A. S. Goodhue, M.P. for Kootenay; and A. C. Flumerfelt, of Victoria, are now on an extensive tour of Canada and the United States and will make a report to the British Columbia legislature, which meets on January 20 next. These gentlemen will form the British Columbia forestry commission called at the parliament buildings, Toronto, last week, and interviewed Mr. Aubrey White in the absence of Hon. Frank Cochrane. They are gathering all information on the plans of Ontario's system of regulating the cut of timber and the provincial forestry policy. They also visited Prof. Furness and Mr. James Lawlor. Mr. Flumerfelt preceded the commission to Ottawa where he is gathering information from the federal authorities. From Toronto the commissioners go to Washington, where they will learn of the methods employed by the United States to preserve the forests. One of the policies of the McBride government is the conservation of forests, and the legislation will be based on the report to be presented by the commission.

NEW CLOVERDALE LINE

Of B. C. Electric Railway Co. to Be in Operation By 20th inst.—Westminster's New Station.

The B. C. Electric railway will place its Fraser River valley line in operation as far as Cloverdale about December 20. At the beginning three cars will be placed on the run. The

schedule and passenger fares have not been yet determined. The distance is about 12 miles and the company expects that the running time from New Westminster will be about 45 minutes. As the line continues in operation this time will be improved. A gang of men has been laying the tracks on Eighth street for the switching of cars from the Westminster-Vancouver line to the Cloverdale branch.

Immediately after New Years the company will commence tearing down the present station on Columbia street, New Westminster, to make way for the handsome new station that will be erected on the old site, and the property to the west on the corner recently acquired. It is probable, says Local Manager McQuarrie, that the company will have their own men tear down the old structure, while the contract for the new building, will be let in a few days.

GRUESOME COURT EXHIBIT

Shattered Heart of Peter Scurry Shown to Illustrate How Death Must Have Been Instantaneous.

By exhibiting the dead man's heart in a glass case, a Vancouver physician yesterday gave comprehensible evidence of the course taken by the bullet which caused the death of Peter Scurry, the colored man who met his death in the Terminal City last week, at the hands of his mistress, Julia Lewis, who is now in custody. The woman claimed that the shooting was accidental, and that Scurry had run fifty yards after he was shot. The Magistrate disbelieves her story, inasmuch as the evidence given by the post-mortem physician is to the effect that the tearing of the heart by the bullet would necessarily cause immediate death.

TRAMWAY'S PLANS

General Manager Sperling Outlines Scope of Six Million Dollar Expenditures Just Authorized.

General Manager Sperling, of the British Columbia Electric Railway company, states that the appropriations passed by the London board of his company for the year amounted to \$6,000,000. This appropriation covers work already done, some in progress, and other schemes which have not hitherto been undertaken or announced.

"Taking into account," said Mr. Sperling, "the fact that the company's investment in the province already amounts to \$15,000,000, the view of the directors can not be counted unreasonable as the proposed programme of expenditure would further increase the amount of the company's investment to a large extent. I am glad to state, however, that the entire \$6,000,000 programme has received official sanction and all the works comprised in the outline will be carried to completion as soon as possible.

At New Westminster the car-building shops are to be enlarged, the plant being made adequate to turn out double the amount of work now being done.

The programme for a rolling stock for next year takes in new equipment to the total value of \$200,000, the cars, locomotives, etc., being made for the lines demanding attention in this field. The new office building, costing \$200,000, will be begun early next year and rushed to completion, at the old site on the corner of Hastings and Carrall streets.

At suburban points it is the intention to erect several new substations modelled after those now at Burnaby and on the Lulu Island line. The location of three of these buildings is now about decided, one being on the Lulu Island line at a point just outside the city, the site having been already purchased, another in South Vancouver to cover the needs of the extensions south of the city and still another for the Burnaby line.

In the line of tram extensions the programme covers the system through Burnaby municipality, seven miles in extent, line one and a half miles long in D. L. 301, now about completed, carrying out the extensions in South Vancouver to the point outlined in the agreement with the municipality to the end of 1910, covering seven miles of track, and extending the Powell street line to the exhibition buildings at Hastings park.

In North Vancouver provision is made for the extension of two and a half miles up Lynn Valley, the work being already under way.

In Victoria the plans of the company are very elaborate, covering the construction of a generating plant on the Jordan river at a total cost of \$1,500,000. This work is already under way, and should be completed so as to deliver power to Victoria within twelve months from date.

On the Island the company is also considering the question of building numerous extensions of its system about Victoria in accordance with the bylaw recently passed.

At New Westminster the plans of the company include the erection of a new terminal station which will cost \$60,000.

The London board is now considering plans for large extensions of its New Westminster system, involving connections with the lumber mills at Millside.

Vancouver has forced the company to adopt an advance programme in this field of work. This will be carried out in a manner which will quadruple the amount of gas now supplied, the plan contemplating an expenditure of \$600,000, and the laying of \$200,000 worth of new mains.

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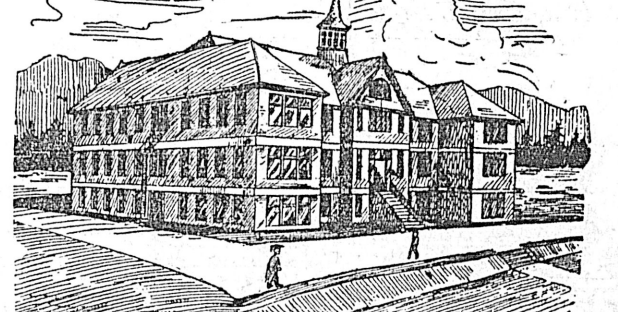
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